



St Nicolas Church, Cranleigh
14th Sunday after Trinity
Sunday 1st September 2024



REVEREND PETER POOLE (1935 – 2024) RIP

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Peter, late on Tuesday evening, after his battle with cancer. Our thoughts and prayers are with Sheelagh, Jonathan, Chris, Rachel and their families at this sad time.

(Please see page 6 for Funeral details)

THIS WEEK:

Sunday 1st September (14th Sunday after Trinity)

8am: Holy Communion (BCP)

**10am: Baptism Celebration Service – All Age Worship
followed by refreshments and cakes in the churchyard**

6pm: Choral Communion (CW)

Tuesday 3rd September

10am: Elmbridge Communion

12noon: Holy Communion (BCP)

2pm: Funeral of David Latimer

Thursday 5th September

10am: Time for Prayer

Friday 6th September

10am: Little Nic's Toddlers in church rooms

Saturday 7th September

2.30pm: Wedding of Leanne Larner and Matthew Blackmore

Sunday 8th September (15th Sunday after Trinity)

8am: Holy Communion (CW)

10am: Parish Communion

11.30am: Discovery

3pm: Baptism of Edith Trow

COLLECT:

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

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Merciful God, your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.

FIRST READING: *James 1.17-end*

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

GOSPEL READING: *Mark 7.1-8, 14-15, 21-23*

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their

hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

"This people honours me with their lips,

but their hearts are far from me;

in vain do they worship me,

teaching human precepts as doctrines."

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.'

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.' For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Father of light, in whom is no change or shadow of turning, you give us every good and perfect gift and have brought us to birth by your word of truth: may we be a living sign of that kingdom where your whole creation will be made perfect in Jesus Christ our Lord.

WEEKLY PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

Church and Christian Ministry:

- In the Anglican cycle of Prayer –
- In the Diocese – for the Diocesan Secretary (Geraldine Newbold) and all the staff of Church House Guildford
- In the Parish – for all our baptism families from recent years

National and World Affairs:

- For all victims and their families affected by violence around the country
- For peace in the world, and especially for the safety of the people of Israel and Palestine and Gaza, Ukraine and Russia and Southern Sudan
- For the leaders of the nations that they may have wisdom and integrity during these difficult times

Community and Family:

- For those who live in Rectory Garden and The Malhouses
- For our Rector Roy, Curate Erik, and all the clergy who support them; especially Bishop Peter, Rev'd Martin, Rev'd Rutton and Rev'd Rodney.

The Sick and those in Need:

- Jane Bloss, Claire Curry, David, Roger Dobbing, Jean Dodds, Anne Dulley, Geoff, Jack Lewis, Louise, Sheelagh, Jean Quallington, David Rees, Val Thorogood, Jeremy Watts
- *(And for those with long-term prayer needs):* Baby Atticus and his parents Clare and Alex, Peggy Davis, Stella Goldsmith, James Goudie, Tricia Hislop, Jane, Bryn Jones, Kirsty, Lottie Lack, Amy Loveless, Sheila McSorley, Mo, Libby O'Brien, Brian Pettyfer, Ron Reynolds,

Peggy Ringshall, Martin Root, Steff Shepherd, Sheila Smith, Dolores Spurgeon, Bert Steed.

The Departed:

- All we have known and loved, who have left us through the years, and especially at this time: Muriel (Margaret) Harrison, David Latimer, Peter Poole, Hazel Scurfield, Betty Starling and Allan Taylor

WEEKLY NOTICES:

FORTHCOMING FUNEDRALS IN ST NICOLAS

Tuesday 3rd September at 2pm – David Latimer
Tuesday 10th September at 2pm – Hazel Scurfield
Friday 13th September at 11.30am – Allan Taylor
Thursday 19th September at 11.30am – Betty Starling
Tuesday 1st October at 2.30pm – Peter Poole

ECO CHURCH SILVER AWARD I'm delighted to report that as a result of many people's hard work on our Eco Church journey since the spring, we have now been presented with our Silver Eco Church Award from A Rocha! Very exciting! Very many thanks to everyone who has made this happen -from Farm and Food Festival wildflower planting, to the pursuit of net zero, management of our beautiful churchyard, plans for messy eco church, eco challenge welcome slides and visiting speakers on eco challenges and much more to come! -brilliant team work under the enthusiastic leadership of our clergy, church wardens and PCC.
Sue Tresman.

HERITAGE DAY - SATURDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER, in and around the Church.
See the leaflet for detail.

This annual occasion invites the village to recognise and discover for themselves the value of the St Nicolas Heritage Asset that has sat at the centre of our village for over 850 years. This is also the time when an appeal is made towards a fund solely dedicated for the maintenance of the building.

Next Sunday, 1st September, the leaflets and envelopes for all the streets in the village will be ready for delivery. These will be placed in street order at the cross aisle. Please help to make a delivery as soon as possible. Thank you.

MEN'S GROUP Our next Men's Group will be happening on Friday 6th September at 7pm. Weather permitting, we will have another BBQ, this time in my garden at 22 Charts Close! (If the weather is terrible we may be looking for another location) Please let Erik (erik@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk) know in good time if you can come, so we can make sure there is enough food, and please also let me know if you are a vegetarian/vegan or have any other special dietary requirements, especially allergies.

LADIES EVENING On 6th September (complementing the above) some of the ladies have decided to meet up for supper at The Richard Onslow at 7pm. If you are interested in joining us please let Petula Sole know on 07799448311 or petula.sole@btinternet.com by Tuesday 3rd so that she can book a table.

CRANLEIGH FOOD BANK DONATION POINT Donations basket is to your right as you enter the south door, underneath the leaflet shelf. **Especially in need of all tinned items please.** No fresh produce or out of date/open items. Thank you

DOROTHY'S FUNDRAISING WALK



Raising funds for the blood cancer charity 'Bright Red'. You may be surprised to learn that I am taking part in the 13mile Great North Run on 8th September 2024. I am walking it with my sister, while other members of the family will be running it! This is in memory of my brother-in-law, Peter Bates, who died last year of a rare and aggressive blood cancer. The care and support provided by the regional cancer centre at the

Freeman Hospital Newcastle-Upon-Tyne, for Peter and his family was outstanding. If you are able to donate any amount it would be greatly appreciated by 'Bright Red' to enable care, education and research to help beat blood cancer. You can donate by clicking here:

<https://ajbellgreatnorthrun2024.enthuse.com/pf/dorothy-walton>

or I will have a sponsor form in church for the next couple of Sundays.

Appreciative thanks, Dorothy Walton

TOGETHER IN COMMUNITY – HOME GROUP EACH FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH The first of these will take place on Monday 2nd September from 7.45pm for an 8.00pm start, 9.15pm finish, at 'Springfields' Bookhurst Road, Cranleigh. The theme will be taken from Ephesians chapters 1 - 6 which has been the theme of recent Sunday services. Please contact Mike Roberts G.272249 on behalf of the Outreach & Mission Team.

OPPORTUNITIES TO EXPLORE CHRISTIANITY We hope to have two groups starting in September to explore Christianity for the first time or in more depth in an open and informal context, one group will be for 18-30ish year-olds, and the other for adults of any age. If you'd like to it's possible to be baptised or confirmed at the end of this series of sessions.

Please invite family or friends to whom this may be of interest! Contact Erik (erik@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk) to sign up or for more info.

MEMORY LANE The Carer Guests were treated to a talk by Dr Jill Rasmussen last Monday who provided guidance on a number of matters as to where they can find the support needed in caring for their partner with dementia. Then on last Thursday the ML Concert Team met to put finishing touches to the "Joy In Music" programme to be performed in the Village Hall Saturday the 28th September. Following the next Memory Lane meeting in the Arts Centre on the Monday 2nd September, when the second of a series of talks will be presented to guests; there will be a further "Walk In The Park" on Monday 9th September. *For further details on "Joy In Music, tickets for concert or Memory Lane events, just call: Memory Lane 01483 274398 or mamwild@aol.com*

SEWING GROUP Join us for fun and friendship every Monday morning in St Andrews room 10am-12noon. No previous experience of sewing or knitting is needed so do come along and have a go, or just come along and enjoy a warm drink and good company! Everyone is welcome.



MOTHERS UNION: We have a thriving Mothers' Union which meets on the second Wednesday of each month. Anyone is most welcome – contact Jane Etherington on 01483 274319 / etheringtonjane@yahoo.co.uk for more information



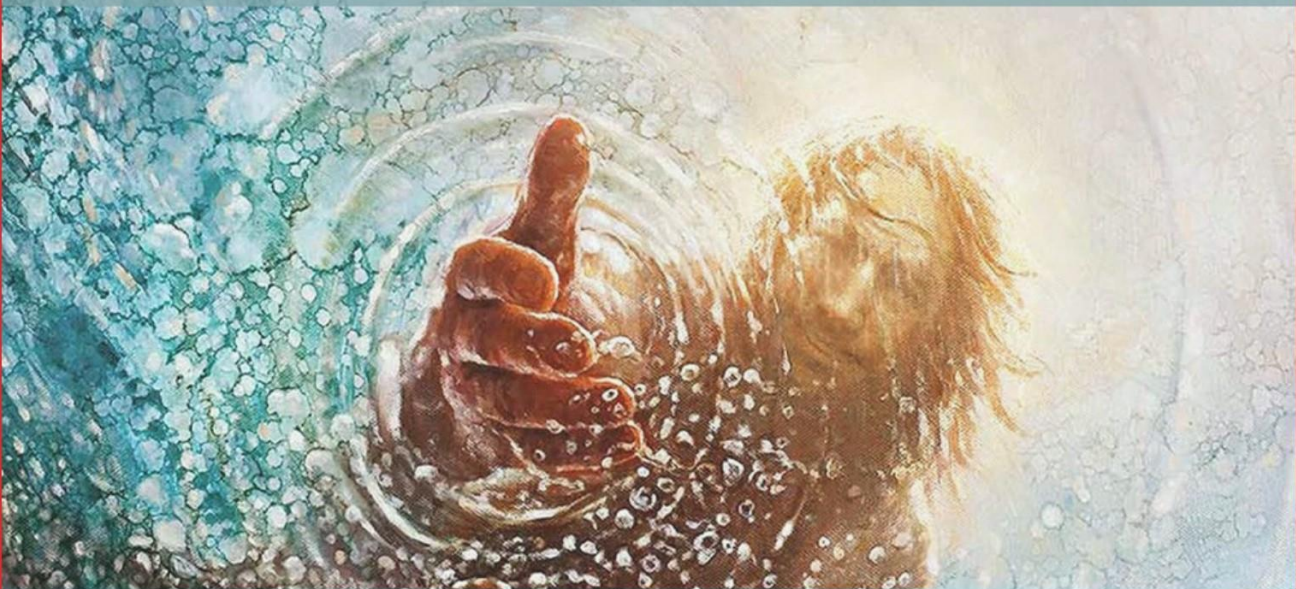
DONATIONS: You make an online donation in support of church funds by visiting the [website](#), clicking on the red button or scanning the QR code.



FIND YOUR PURPOSE

Come and Explore Christianity

Are you a young adult looking to explore questions such as...



Who is God?
Who is Jesus?

Who am I and what am I meant to do?

Sunday 8th September 12noon:
Welcome Lunch

FREE!

followed by 5 evening sessions, Thursdays 8pm

Contact Erik on erik@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk /
07368 871589 to find out more and book your place.



HARVEST LUNCH

Sunday 6th October

12noon

in the Church Rooms

Tickets £15

(children under 10 free)

Available from Church Office and
Handymans Store, High St

BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS, CROCKERY & CUTLERY

RAFFLE IN AID OF



Cranleigh Food Bank

KEEP IN TOUCH:

Rector - Revd Canon Roy Woodhams (*Day off: Monday*)

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(*Works Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9.30-2.30*)

Tel: 01483 273620. Email: nicola@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk

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Church Website: www.stnicolascranleigh.org.uk

Do you have a question about faith or the church? Or would you just like to get to know us better? Roy and Erik are always very happy to meet for a cup of coffee, tea, or a pint, just get in touch with us using our contact details above!