



St Nicolas Church, Cranleigh

13th Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 25th August 2024

THIS WEEK:

Sunday 25th August (13th Sunday after Trinity)

8am: Holy Communion (CW)

10am: Parish Communion

Tuesday 27th August

12noon: Holy Communion (BCP)

Saturday 31st August

2.30pm: Wedding of Andrew Wilson and Olivia Cox

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)

COLLECT:

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

or

Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

FIRST READING: *Ephesians 6.10-20*

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

GOSPEL READING: *John 6.56-69*

Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.’ He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, ‘This teaching is difficult;

who can accept it?’ But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, ‘Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.’ For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, ‘For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.’

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, ‘Do you also wish to go away?’ Simon Peter answered him, ‘Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.’

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

WEEKLY PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

Church and Christian Ministry:

- In the Anglican cycle of Prayer – The Anglican Church of Mexico
- In the Diocese – for the team of twelve Area Deans working across the diocese
- In the Parish – for our bellringers

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 Thurlow Walk and Fortune Drive
- For those living with disability.

The Sick and those in Need:

- Jane Bloss, Claire Curry, David, Roger Dobbing, Anne Dulley, Geoff, Bryn Jones, Jack Lewis, Louise, Sheelagh and Peter Poole, 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, 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, Hazel Scurfield, Betty Starling and Allan Taylor

WEEKLY NOTICES:

CAKES AND BISCUITS We are looking forward to our Baptism Celebration Sunday on 1st September, followed by refreshments and cake in the churchyard afterwards. Donations of small cakes and biscuits are gratefully received, please bring them along on the morning. Thank you

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.

LADIES EVENING On 6th September 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.

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 13k 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

FREE SHREDDER, almost brand-new, available. Please let Nicola in the office know if you would like it.

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.

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.

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

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.



Baptism Celebration Sunday



1st September @ 10am

All children and families welcome!

Join us for a special family service where we will welcome and celebrate all those children who have been baptised here at St Nicolas in recent years.

Coffee, tea, juice and cakes in the churchyard after the service

Calling all children:

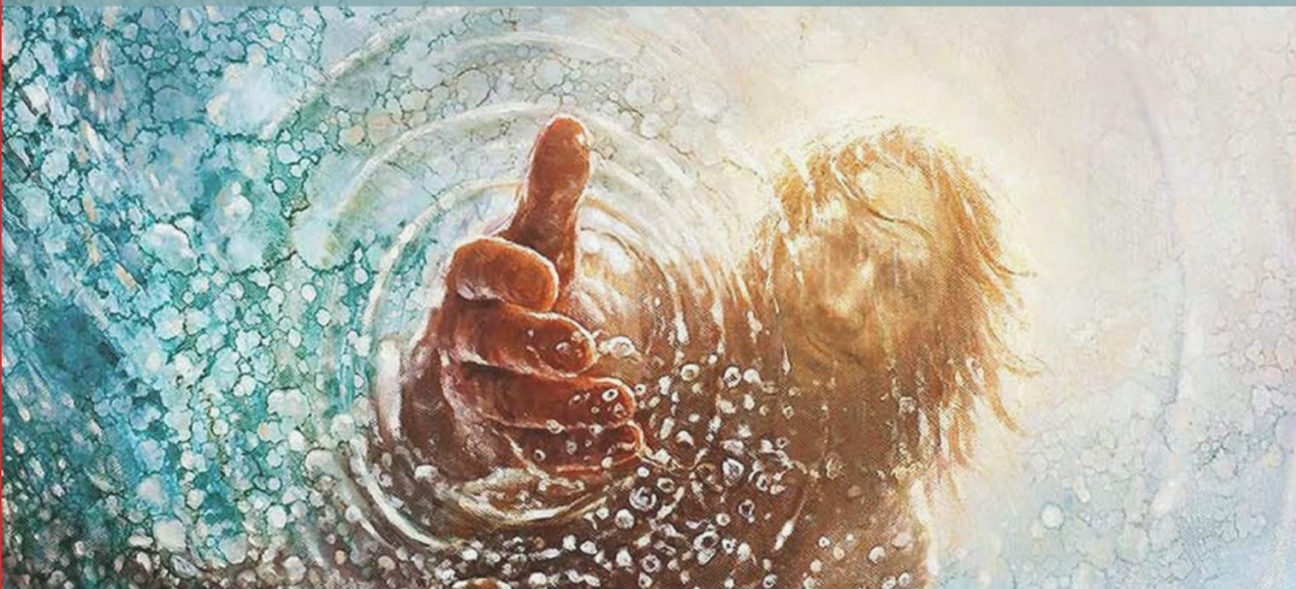
Can you help us find all the lost sheep in the churchyard? Take part in our treasure hunt after the service.



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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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!