



**St Nicolas Church, Cranleigh**

**Third Sunday of Epiphany**

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

## **THIS WEEK:**

### **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany)**

**8am: Holy Communion (CW)**

**10am: Parish Communion**

**11.30am: Discovery Service**

**3pm: Installation of new Dean (Guildford Cathedral)**

**5pm: Ignite Move Night**

### **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January**

**10am: Sewing and Knitting Group (in church rooms)**

### **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January**

**12noon: Holy Communion (BCP)**

### **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January**

**9.30am: Toddler Praise (in church rooms)**

### **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January**

**10am: Time for Prayer - 30 minutes led prayer with themed music**

### **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January**

**10am: Little Nic's Baby and Toddler Group (in church rooms)**

**1pm: Funeral of Anne Nuttall**

### **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February (Presentation of Christ in the Temple)**

**8am: Holy Communion (BCP)**

**10am: All Age Worship**

**12noon: Baptism of Freddie Povey**

**6pm: Choral Communion**

## **COLLECT:**

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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.

*or*

God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord.

## **INVITATION TO CONFESSION:**

The grace of God has dawned upon the world through our Saviour Jesus Christ, who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own. Let us confess our sins.

## **FIRST READING: 1 Corinthians 12.12-31a**

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot were to say, ‘Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body’, that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear were to say, ‘Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body’, that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, ‘I have no need of you’, nor again the head to the feet, ‘I have no need of you.’

On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

## **GOSPEL READING:** *Luke 4.14-21*

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.’ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, ‘Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.’

## **INTRODUCTION TO THE PEACE:**

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end.

## **SEASONAL PREFACE:**

All honour and praise be yours always and everywhere,  
mighty creator, ever-living God,  
through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord:  
for at this time we celebrate your glory  
made present in our midst.

In the coming of the Magi  
the King of all the world was revealed to the nations.

In the waters of baptism  
Jesus was revealed as the Christ,  
the Saviour sent to redeem us.

In the water made wine  
the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast.

Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy.

Therefore with all the angels of heaven  
we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name  
and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER:**

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

## **BLESSING**

Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom; and the blessing . . .

# WEEKLY PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

## Church and Christian Ministry:

- In the Anglican cycle of Prayer – The Anglican Province of Alexandria
- In the Diocese – for the Venerable Bob Cooper, as he is installed as Dean of Guildford this afternoon
- In the Parish – For Ann Beresford who leads Toddler Praise and for all the new and returning families joining us for these sessions

## National and World Affairs:

- For the continuation of the ceasefire between Israel and Hamas, for the safe return of hostages and for the delivery of aid to Palestine.
- For peace in the world, for an end to hostility in the Middle East, Ukraine and Russia and South Sudan. And for stability in Syria
- For all affected by the wildfires around Los Angeles

## Community and Family:

- For those who live in Ilford Court and Theydon Court
- For all who come to our church seeking healing and reconciliation

## The Sick and those in Need:

- Helen Allen, Jane Bloss, Claire Curry, Val Davies, Jean Dodd, Tricia Hislop, Jack Lewis, Jean Quallington, Val, Jeremy Watts, Muriel Young
- *(And for those with long-term prayer needs):* Baby Atticus and his parents Clare and Alex, Neil Charman, Annie Cotterill, David, Peggy Davis, Stella Goldsmith, James Goudie, Jane, Bryn Jones, Kirsty, Lottie Lack, Amy Loveless, Sheila McSorley, Mo, Judy Murdoch, Libby O'Brien, Brian Pettyfer, Sheelagh Poole, Ron Reynolds, Peggy Ringshall, Martin Root, Steff Shepherd, Sheila Smith, Dolores Spurgeon, Bert Steed, Val Thorogood, Marilyn Wood

## The Departed:

- All we have known and loved, who have left us through the years, and especially at this time Felicity Isaac and Ann Nuttall

## WEEKLY NOTICES:

**DISCOVERY** This week in Discovery, we are continuing the series of 'Hearing God' and looking at hearing God at work through Peter's story. Discovery is for everyone and is at 11.30am this Sunday. Hope to see you there.

**MENS GROUP** Our Men's Group meets once a month to share food, enjoy social time together and have good conversations together! Our next meeting is Friday 7<sup>th</sup> of February at 7pm! This time we'll be hosted by Mike who is providing us with a Lasagna a la Springfields (let us know if you have any allergies/dietary requirements). Please do let [erik@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk](mailto:erik@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk) know if you'd like to have more information and if you want to sign up. Each night we have about 15-20 men of all ages, so whatever your age, you will be very welcome!

**ECO CHURCH STALL** Cranleigh CofE Primary are holding an event for the children on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2pm to mark the end of their Wildlife Week. We are going to have a table there to do some activities with the children, and would be grateful for some volunteers, either from the Eco Church team, or the wider church community, to help us. Please let Nicola know if you can help [nicola@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk](mailto:nicola@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk)

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES** If you or your child would like to make a deeper commitment to the Christian faith, why not join for our confirmation classes this Spring? Or if you'd just like to explore questions around faith but are not quite sure yet if you'd like to do confirmation, you are most welcome to come along as well! We're hoping to have a group both for teenagers and for adults, and are looking at about five meetings on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday nights at 7.30pm (for both groups but at different weeks). If you haven't been baptised yet, we'd be delighted to baptise you at the Confirmation Service that we're planning for soon after Easter (exact details will follow).

**HABERDASHERY AND CRAFT ITEMS NEEDED** After a successful day of sales at the Rectory Fete last year, we need to build up our stock again! If you

are clearing out and have any haberdashery or crafting items we would be pleased to take these off your hands! Donations can be brought to the church office, or to the Monday sewing and knitting group. Thank you. Jane Etherington.

**MEMORY LANE** Team & Guests learnt more about Dementia and progress being made both nationally and locally, on Monday with a presentation by Dr Jill Rasmussen. As National Adviser to both Government and the General Practice Council, her knowledge and guidance was a great help to the large audience.

The next meeting of Memory Lane will be at 2.15pm on Monday 3rd February in the Cranleigh Arts Centre, followed by a "Walk In The Park" Monday at 10.30am the 10th February.

*Memory Lane is held on the 1st & 3rd Monday from 2.15pm until 4.15pm when visitors will be welcome to join the fun.*

**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](mailto:etheringtonjane@yahoo.co.uk) for more information



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



## **KEEP IN TOUCH:**

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*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!*