

St Nicolas Church, Cranleigh 15th Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 8th September 2024

THIS WEEK:

Sunday 8th September (15th Sunday after Trinity)

8am: Holy Communion (CW)

10am: Parish Communion (with trackers)

followed by 'No Cow Coffee' see notices for more details

11.30am: Discovery

1pm: Baptism of Edith Trow

Tuesday 10th September

12noon: Holy Communion (BCP)

2pm: Funeral of Hazel Scurfield

Wednesday 11th September

10am: Toddler Praise (at the Methodist Church)

1pm: Free concert organized by Cranleigh Arts Centre

7.30pm: PCC Meeting in Church Rooms

Thursday 12th September

10am: Time for Prayer

Friday 13th September

10am: Little Nic's Toddlers in church rooms

11.30am: Funeral of Allan Taylor

Sunday 15th September (16th Sunday after Trinity)

8am: Holy Communion (BCP)

10am: All Age Holy Communion

including Farewell and Thank You to Rutton

3pm: Baptism of Amelia Boatman

6pm: Choral Evensong

COLLECT:

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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

Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

FIRST READING: James 2.1-10, 14-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please', while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there', or, 'Sit at my feet', have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill', and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

GOSPEL READING: Mark 7.24-end

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.' So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

WEEKLY PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

Church and Christian Ministry:

- In the Anglican cycle of Prayer The Church in Myanmar
- In the Diocese for Archdeacons Catharine and Martin
- In the Parish For Claire Oxborough and Sue Tresman as they begin their training for ordained ministry

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 those who lost their lives in the English Channel this week and for a solution to the migration crisis

Community and Family:

- For those who live in Stocklund Square and Bank Buildings
- For our friends at the Methodist Church

The Sick and those in Need:

 Jane Bloss, Claire Curry, David, Roger Dobbing, Anne Dulley, Jean Dodd, Jack Lewis, Louise, Betty Parry, Sheelagh 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, 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: Janet Grove, Peter Poole, Hazel Scurfield, Betty Starling and Allan Taylor

WEEKLY NOTICES:

NO COW COFFEE - After the service this Sunday we will be having tea and coffee in the church rooms with a twist. We will be serving drinks with a choice of plant-based milks. Switching to a plant-based milk like oat or soya can significantly reduce our climate impact. We hope you come along and take up the opportunity of celebrating our Silver Eco award with something just a little bit different. Sue and Claire J

FORTHCOMING FUNEDRALS IN ST NICOLAS

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

CALEB STREAM OF TRAINING FOR ORDINATION An exciting new pathway to training for ordination is about to begin for those aged 60-70. If you wonder why it is called the Caleb Stream, please read Numbers Chapter 13 in your bible, and you will find out! This course is of particular local interest as it is being led by our own Bishop Peter, and our own Sue Tresman is one of the

trainees! There are also trainees from Ewhurst, Loxwood and Wonersh, so please pray for all involved.

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. Envelopes for delivery are now ready and can be found in street order at the cross aisle. Please help to make a delivery as soon as possible. Thank you.

<u>FAREWELL TO RUTTON</u> On Sunday 15th September our 10am All Age Communion will include our farewell and thank you to Rutton. Do join us in wishing him and Kate well as they refocus their ministry closer to home.

<u>GUILDFORD SHAKESPEARE CO – ROMEO AND JULIET</u> Change of Date! Now on Saturday 26th October at 2.30pm in St Nicolas Church. Tickets from Cranleigh Arts Centre, £12 adults, £8 children.

<u>MEMORY LANE</u> Following "Walk In The Park" on Monday the 9th and "Tea with a pony" on Tuesday the 10th: next week, dementia Carer Guests then return to Memory Lane in the Arts Centre.

On the Monday 16th, guests will have something quite different when Megan Rose Taylor introduces Rowley, her amazing performing PATdog. The following week is of course the long awaited *Joy In Music* concert for those who bought their ticket in time. This is at 2.30pm on the 28th September in Cranleigh Village Hall when Musicians and Guest Artists will be performing to the Mayor, & local Celebrities supporting an audience of people experiencing dementia, and their Carers from Guildford to Horsham Dementia Groups. *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.

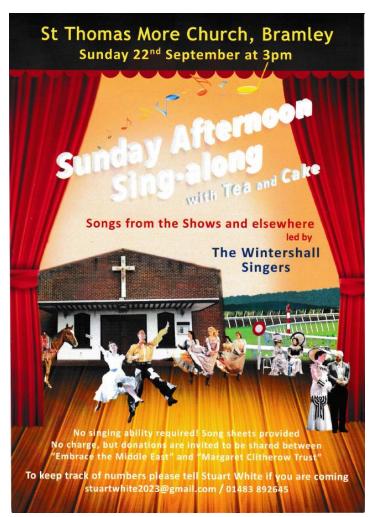


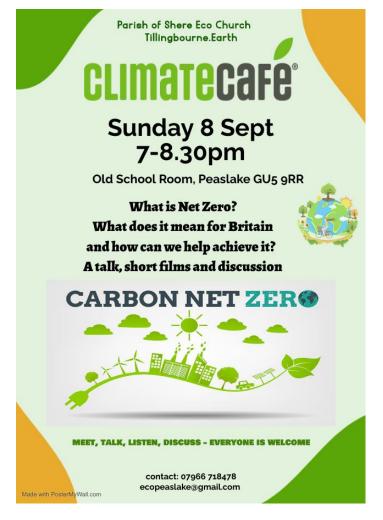
MOTHERS UNION: We have a thriving Mothers' Union which meets on the second Wednesday of each month. Anyone is most welcome – contact Jane Etherington on 01483 274319 / etheringtonjane@yahoo.co.uk for more information



<u>DONATIONS</u>: You make an online donation in support of church funds by visiting the <u>website</u>, clicking on the red button or scanning the QR code.









Rosanna Harris (soprano) and Philip Scriven (organ) Wednesday 11th September 2024, 1:00pm



Their programme contrasts beautiful sacred arias by Mozart, Schubert, Handel and Fauré, with organ music from France and the USA.

> Please note this concert will be held at St Nicholas Church, Cranleigh.

> > Retiring Collection

Book at cranleigharts.org Box office: 01483 278000

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

followed by 5 evening sessions, Thursdays 8pm

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





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!