



**St Nicolas Church, Cranleigh**  
**WORSHIPPING AT HOME**  
**Third Sunday after Trinity**  
**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

**WELCOME . . . .**

. . . . to our Church at Home resources for this Sunday. We hope you will feel connected to the life of the Church Community, with these resources. Thank you to The Revd Peter Poole for this week's worship.

If you do have internet access, you will find a video version of a said Communion Service, with the sermon on the Church Website [www.stnicolascranleigh.org.uk](http://www.stnicolascranleigh.org.uk) and on the St Nicolas Church FaceBook page.

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***This Week we continue to welcome Home  
Worshippers from the Churches at Dunsfold and Hascombe – it's  
a pleasure to have you join with us!***

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There will also be **live worship** at 10am with Gabrielle Clarke available via WhatsApp and Zoom **and this week there will be a live sermon from The Rector**. If you want to join: *(this code is the same every week)* Join Meeting ID: 148-785-166

Or click on URL: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/148785166> . There is also an opportunity to join church friends for a **Virtual Afternoon Tea and Chat on Tuesdays at 4pm!** The Zoom joining code for this is ID: 804-694-233

**\*\*\*\*\*STOP PRESS\*\*\*\*\*** As you will have gathered, things have been changing fast this week, with the government's announcement that we would be permitted to worship in Church from July 4<sup>th</sup> onwards. We are still at the planning stage for this, and final decisions have yet to be agreed and ratified. However, I am able to give you an outline of what I think our pattern of worship is going to look like across the next few weeks. Thank you to those of you who have completed our questionnaire – your answers have been very useful in helping us to plan! For the foreseeable future, our worship pattern will be a 'hybrid' of what we have been doing for the last 3 months, and what we would do in 'normal' times – so, for instance Zoom Church will continue at 10am on a Sunday, and we will continue to record a Sunday Communion for the Website and Facebook. In respect of this, we realise that the restrictions on singing and distancing will make it very hard to put on meaningful worship for children and families in the church.

There will be a number of restrictions on our live worship in church, primarily:

- Numbers will be restricted in order that a social distancing is observed. We have decided to work for now on the old 2 metre rule, as we think this will be a lot safer for all of us. Bearing that in mind, we believe that we can safely

accommodate 45 'placings' in a service, in addition to the leaders and stewards. I have used the word 'placings' deliberately, because that will be single seating, unless a couple come together from the same household, as they will be able to sit together and will only count as 1 in our total! If a service reaches the limit, we regret that we will have to turn people away, but please do not arrive early to be at the front of the queue, as this would be a risk to yourself and others – ideally, we would not want congregation to arrive more than 15 minutes before a service is due to start.

- No singing will be permitted at services at present, though at the Sunday 11am service we will may use recorded music or live organ playing.
- We will not be using any books or notice sheets – all words will be projected on the screens.
- Your name will be recorded as you come in, and in the event of a known case of Coronavirus, NHS will be given a list of those who have attended (Track and Trace)
- Services will be Holy Communion, but members of the congregation will only receive the bread and not the wine.
- No refreshments will be served after the service.
- You should not come to a service if you are feeling ill in any way.

Subject to final agreement, we hope to have the following services in Church each week, starting on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July:

- Sunday 8am: Holy Communion (1662 Traditional language)

- Sunday 11am: Holy Communion (Common Worship Contemporary language)
- Tuesday 12noon: Holy Communion (1662 Traditional language)
- Thursday 4.30pm: Holy Communion (Common Worship Contemporary language) note, this service will be primarily in order to record the service for the website for the following Sunday, but congregation members are welcome to come. However, attendees will need to be aware that there will be a camera in front of the altar

Please note that putting on this programme of services will be dependent on us getting enough volunteers to steward and to clean the surfaces after each worship – if you would like to volunteer for this, please email Katherine Tuck:

[katherine@stniclascranleigh.org.uk](mailto:katherine@stniclascranleigh.org.uk) We also need more volunteers to learn how to use the screens and sound – for this, please email Mike Roberts: [mike@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk](mailto:mike@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk)

Being permitted to worship again is exciting, but it is also going to be a bit stressful and hugely time consuming for those of us who are organising and keeping it safe. So, if we are struggling at first to get everything right, please be patient with us!

# THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY:

## COLLECTS:

Almighty God,  
you have broken the tyranny of sin  
and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we  
call you Father:  
give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,  
that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of  
the children of God;  
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. Amen

God our saviour,  
look on this wounded world  
in pity and in power;  
hold us fast to your promises of peace  
won for us by your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

## FIRST READING: *Jeremiah 28.5-9*

Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord; and the prophet Jeremiah said, 'Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfil the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels

of the house of the Lord, and all the exiles. But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet.'

**GOSPEL READING: *Matthew 10.40-end***

'Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.'

**SERMON (*Written by The Revd Peter Poole*)**

I wonder why it is that, of all the sermons preached since Easter, mine, on Low Sunday, is the only one to have been given a title, "Doubting Thomas?" Is it because that is the only one that can easily be recognized in a short phrase, or is it because the suggestion I made at the time was revolutionary? I tend to think it was the latter because the thoughts that developed from the opening few sentences were new and had not been heard or realized before. In other words, what I said was a surprise.

Having mentioned that word you may remember two other sermons recently that referred to it. There was the one on Whitsunday when Roy mentioned his favourite spiritual book, “The God of surprises”, and two weeks ago when Judy talked about God springing surprises.

So, today I come back to that word for, if you think about it, the way in which we are managing without worship in Church and being able to carry on without receiving the Sacrament is very surprising. Which brings us nicely to that passage we heard from Jeremiah. For that was written during the Jewish exile in Babylon. Everything that they valued about their religious practices had been snatched from them. They were devastated and brought to the point where the psalmist could sum it all up in the words of what we have as psalm 137.

“By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept when we remembered thee, O Sion. As for our harps, we hanged them up upon the trees that are therein. For they that led us away captive required of us then a song and melody, in our heaviness: Sing us one of the songs of Sion. How shall we sing the Lord’s song in a strange land?”

Did we not feel something like that when our Government ordered us to close the church? “How can we worship our God without a church and without the comfort of receiving the Sacrament?”

The surprising thing is that we have!

Here is where Jeremiah comes in, for he brought them a message of hope. There would come a time when they would return to their old way of life and all the beauty of their worship would be restored. But it could never be quite that same as though the experience of exile had not happened like a bad dream. Which fact leads us to the end of the reading. There we have the message of hope in contrast to the prophecies of doom and gloom which many continued to utter. Mind you it was not only Jeremiah who saw a revolutionary attitude from “war, famine and pestilence” to “peace”. In her book, “the Great Transformation” Karen Armstrong shows how, not only Jeremiah, but also The Buddha, Socrates and Confucius, saw that revolution from hatred and selfishness to a world where everyone was kind and helpful, doing to others what you would want them to do for you, and not doing to others what you would not want them to do to you. In other words they proclaimed the Golden Rule which Jesus interpreted in his command on Maundy Thursday, “Love God and love your neighbour as yourself.” That is the way to peace.

As far as the Jews to whom Jeremiah gave his message of hope were concerned they did have a saviour in the form of King Cyrus of Persia. And here is one of God’s surprises. Cyrus was a heathen as far as the Jews were concerned and yet he is designated “Anointed”, God’s Messiah. Which shows that God works through anyone he happens to choose, and not just those whom we might think would be his vessels.

That thought makes me think of what has been happening in our own country, or indeed throughout the world these last three months. People have come together to think about others and to help wherever they can to see that their neighbours are cared for. I think especially of one family who would rarely darken a church door and have even expressed the thought that there is no God, who have gone out of their way to show a caring concern for those among whom they live. Let this thought sink in. "God moves in a mysterious way, his wonders to perform", as the hymn puts it. What shows the deeply Christian life is summed up in today's Gospel reading, "whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones.... I tell you will not lose their reward."

So, as we hopefully begin to return to some sort of normality, it is time to think about what lessons we have learnt. When the church is open again for full worship and we can once more receive the Sacrament, will we carry on exactly as before or will we have a changed attitude to these things.

I was quite touched by an article in last week's Radio Times by Derrick Evans (aka Mr Motivator) for his thoughts about this time. I quote, "We can do without haircuts or those new shoes, but we can't do without four simple things: a roof over your head, your health, food on the table and, most importantly, love."

So for us as practicing Christians, we can do without worship in church and receiving the Sacrament, but we can't do without spreading love to all, whoever they are, every day of our lives.

Never forget that that is at the heart of our faith. Yes it is uplifting to worship together week by week and to feel renewed as we take the bread and wine into our mouths, but let our present experience remind us day by day that those things are nothing in themselves unless they produce in us that outgoing love. “That’s how,” said Mr Motivator,” we get back to solving a lot of the problems of the world.”

### **Post Communion Prayer:**

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining  
and whose power we cannot comprehend:  
show us your glory as far as we can grasp it,  
and shield us from knowing more than we can bear  
until we may look upon you without fear;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

## **PRAYERS:**

### **Prayer about the Coronavirus:**

Keep us, good Lord,  
under the shadow of your mercy  
in this time of uncertainty and distress.  
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,  
and lift up all who are brought low;  
that we may rejoice in your comfort  
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love  
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

**For those who are ill:**

Merciful God,  
we entrust to your tender care  
those who are ill or in pain,  
knowing that whenever danger threatens  
your everlasting arms are there to hold them safe.  
Comfort and heal them,  
and restore them to health and strength;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**For hospital staff and medical researchers:**

Gracious God,  
give skill, sympathy and resilience  
to all who are caring for the sick,  
and your wisdom to those searching for new medications.  
Strengthen them with your Spirit,  
that through their work many will be restored to health;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**For the Christian community:**

We are not people of fear:  
we are people of courage.  
We are not people who protect our own safety:  
we are people who protect our neighbours' safety.  
We are not people of greed:  
we are people of generosity.  
We are your people God,  
giving and loving, wherever we are,  
whatever it costs, for as long as it takes,  
wherever you call us. Amen.

## **Weekly Prayers of Intercession:**

### **Church and Christian Ministry:**

- For Bishop Andrew, Bishop Jo, Archdeacon Martin Breadmore, Archdeacon Paul Davies and their staffs that they may transform the lives of those in this diocese into a closer relationship with God
- For Tim Clifford Hill and his family, as Tim begins his ministry amongst us this week

### **National and World Affairs:**

- For all affected by Coronavirus, and for the Governments across the world, seeking to find ways of combatting the virus
- For our own Prime Minister and Government
- For all scientists working to produce effective drugs and vaccines

### **Community and Family:**

- For those who live in Rydelands
- For all involved in Further Education
- For the businesses in our High Street that have reopened this week, and for those still not able to trade
- For all those who continue to work in public service, especially for NHS staff, police, fire and rescue, paramedics, and shop workers, keeping us well, safe and fed

## The Sick and those in Need:

For Robin Burnett, Mike Ford, Stella Goldsmith, Michael Hart, Anne Horrocks, Tony Kenison, Libby O'Brien, Jill and Brian Pettyfer, Jean Quallington, Marion Tomkins, Mac Walker, Angela Wild, Henry Young *(And from Dunsfold and Hascombe: Amanda and Hugh, Sandra Baxter-Brown, Barbara and Des Crabb, Jenny Glover, Henry, Sally Rivett, Sue Simper, Jackie Williams, Christine Woof, Judy Bolt, Sue and Dennis Evans, Peter Hutley, Sally Davis, Lorna Thompson, Francesca, Paul Wiltshire, Sami Bennewith, Dru Ridley.)*

## The Departed:

- All we have known and loved, and especially Barry Williams *(And from Dunsfold and Hascombe: Sue Bowden, David Ide)*

## **NOTICES:**

### Opening of St Nicolas Church for Private Prayer:

**We are now heading into our third week of opening the Church doors each Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 10am – 12noon for private prayer. We are aware that some of you have been cautious about coming, fearing that there will be large crowds of people. We can assure you that numbers have been very small so far, and that we are making every effort to ensure the safety of the stewards, as well as of those who come to pray. Here is a reminder of what to expect when you come:**

At present, only 10 people will be allowed in the Church at any one time (although a couple from the same household who sit

together will be counted as one). If those ten places are taken, you will be asked to queue or come back later.

You will also be asked to use the hand sanitisers provided and to sit only in marked pews (which are two meters apart) and to touch as few surfaces as possible – cleaning of surfaces will take place throughout, and all cushions and kneelers will have been removed from the seating area. PPE will not be provided, so if you wish to use it, please bring your own. You will not be able to access prayer books, bibles or the library, so if you wish to use these things, please also bring your own with you.

Entrance to the Church will be via the South (main) Door, and exit will be via the West Door. Please maintain a distance of at least two metres from anyone else who is in the church at the same time as yourself.

As these times are specifically for prayer, and so as not disturb those praying, you are asked not to talk to each other or have conversations with the Stewards inside the Church. There will be a steward outside who will be happy to chat with you at a safe distance. Needless to say, **please do not come to the church if you are feeling unwell in any way.** Please also note that Stewards will not be able to physically assist you on steps etc., and that we are not currently able to offer toilet facilities. **These guidelines are under constant review and may change at any time.**

**Support Helpline: 01483 901493** – Lines are open 11-3 Monday to Friday if you would like to chat to a friendly helpful voice!

**New Church Lighting** – We are excited to report, that as a result of two substantial gifts, received through the endeavours of the Charity 1170, plus other donations in response to December's appeal, we are now in a position to move forward with this project. These generous gifts have been given for the dedicated purpose of replacing the lighting system in the Church building. For a resume of the plans and public notice, please navigate to our website and the menu item 'Church Life' and 'Latest News'.

**'Every Day with Jesus'** Bible notes for July/August now available from Diana Trent 272677. Subject: "Walk This Way" a look at the Beatitudes, eight guidelines to help us live as God intended. £3.25 to pay.

**Traidcraft:** Sue Knight is now offering Traidcraft goods for sale. Traidcraft has continued to trade during lockdown and has picked up more online customers. It will be more important than ever to help the poorest farmers in the world in the future. So, if you are missing the Ginger biscuits, chocolate tea or coffee, she is open for business. She has all her stock boxes on shelving in her garage so would be able to sell from there by appointment or would be willing to deliver to Cranleigh on receipt of an order. She will have catalogues or you can go on line at [traidcraftshop.co.uk](http://traidcraftshop.co.uk) to see the whole range and if she has to order it in, this usually takes about a week. You can pay for any orders by BACS or she will accept cheques. Sue will also be writing in July's magazine about the situation in Uganda but she was able to send £100 from the Traidcraft account to the appeal for money for food launched by the Guildford Mukono link. So please consider supplementing your larder, and call Sue on 275032 or 07950 025137.

**Plant Sale:** Win Bracking's next sale in aid of the Rectory Fete Fund will be this Saturday (27<sup>th</sup> June) from 10am -12noon at the bottom of The Rectory driveway (social distancing rules will be observed). Callers at Win's house are also welcome by appointment. (ring Win on 275573).

**St Nicolas Church:** During these changing times you can still keep in touch in the following ways . . . .

**The Rector: 01483 800655 or email**

**[roy@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk](mailto:roy@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk)**

**Curate to be, Tim Clifford Hill: 01483 276267 or email**

**[tim@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk](mailto:tim@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk)**

**Parish Office: 01483 273620 or email**

**[elise@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk](mailto:elise@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk)**

**Young People's Minister: 07427 748408**

**[gabrielle@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk](mailto:gabrielle@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk)**

**Church Website:**

**[www.stnicolascranleigh.org.uk](http://www.stnicolascranleigh.org.uk) and on FaceBook**

**If you need help or would like to Volunteer:** There is now a central point of contact set up by the Parish Council for anyone who needs any sort of help. **The number is 0300 200 1008** (but note that at times you may need to leave a number for someone to get back to you). This number can also be used by those who would like to volunteer to help in any way!

**Meals from Rowleys:** Please note that Rowleys do NOT provide lunches at the weekend, but only from Monday to Friday. They do provide a roast on Wednesdays only. Apologies for the

previous inaccurate information. Orders to Gary or Tina on 277155. Their office is open 9am to 2.30pm Monday to Friday.

**Tim Clifford Hill:** Our New Curate, Tim, was due to be ordained Deacon on the 5<sup>th</sup> July, but due to the Social Distancing issues, the ordinations have been postponed until (hopefully) October 10<sup>th</sup>. However, he will be licensed as a Lay Minister This Wednesday (July 1<sup>st</sup>) and will, in that capacity, be able to start doing most of the things that he would have done as an Ordained Curate. Please pray for Tim and Alexandra and young Henry this week as they begin this new and exciting stage in their lives. **Tim will be preaching for the first time at next Sunday's on-line and live worship.**

**GDPR:** If you have not completed a GDPR contact form we will be unable to contact you at all, so if this is you, please complete one as a matter of urgency. You will find them on the website. If you have received your news sheet by post and still have not completed a GDPR Form please contact the Rector on 01483 800655 or Elise on 01483 273620

## **MORE RESOURCES:**

In addition to our own resources, here are a few things that you may like to take note of:

- **DAILY HOPE . . . .** The Church of England has set up a Telephone Worship Service with Hymns, Reflections and Prayers – the content changes every day and it is totally FREE TO CALL on 0800 804 8044

- Diocese of Guildford Website (Resources for children and adults) [www.cofeguildford.org.uk/](http://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/)
- Guildford Cathedral Website [www.guildford-cathedral.org](http://www.guildford-cathedral.org) where you will find a lot of worship resources.
- Bible Society Website (Resources for children and adults) [www.biblesociety.org.uk/](http://www.biblesociety.org.uk/)
- Premier Christian Radio [www.radio.net/s/premierchristian](http://www.radio.net/s/premierchristian)
- CMS Website [www.churchmissionsociety.org/](http://www.churchmissionsociety.org/)
- Cranleigh Community Radio weekly broadcast available each week from Friday morning. Visit [www.destinationcranleigh.net/radio](http://www.destinationcranleigh.net/radio)

Please send notices for next week to Margie Nursey at  
1, Elm Cottages, Smithwood Common (01483 273693)  
[notices@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk](mailto:notices@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk) by **7pm on Tuesday**

## **NEXT WEEK . . . .**

. . . . our Sunday worship will be prepared by The Rector and our new Curate Tim Clifford Hill.

**If you know of anybody who would like to receive a printed communication like this each week, please call us on one of the numbers above!**