



St Nicolas Church, Cranleigh News and Resources

Advent Sunday

Sunday 28th November 2021

THIS WEEK:

Sunday 28th November - Advent Sunday

8am: Holy Communion (CW)

10am: Holy Communion (CW) **Livestreamed**

4pm: Worship@4

6.30pm: Advent Carols – From Darkness to Light

Tuesday 30th November

12noon: Said Holy Communion (BCP)

6pm: Elmbridge joint service with Methodist Church

Wednesday 1st December

10am: Toddler Praise (at Cranleigh Methodist Church)

Thursday 2nd December

10am: Time for Prayer

Friday 3rd December

10am: Little Nics Toddlers (in Church Rooms)

Saturday 4th December

Churchyard Tidy

Sunday 5th December – 2nd Sunday of Advent – St Nicolas Patronal Festival

8am: Holy Communion (BCP)

10am: Toy Service - Holy Communion (CW) with SEA Church **Livestreamed**

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

HYMNS for 10am Service:

From Anglican Hymns Old and New:

Introit: 535 O come, O come, Emmanuel

Gradual: 266 Hark, a Herald voice is Calling

Offertory: 327 I cannot Tell

Administration 1: 536 O Comfort my People

Administration 2: 48 Creator of the Starry Height

Post Communion: 449 Lo, he Comes with Clouds Descending

Congregational setting: Lincoln Service – Archer

COLLECTS:

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

(or)

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION:

When the Lord comes, he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness, and will disclose the purposes of the heart.

Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

FIRST READING: *Jeremiah 33.14-16*

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

GOSPEL READING: *Luke 21: 25-36*

'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.'

'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the

whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

INTRODUCTION TO THE PEACE:

In the tender mercy of our God, the dayspring from on high shall break upon us, to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

SEASONAL PREFACE:

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.

For when he humbled himself to come among us in human flesh,
he fulfilled the plan you formed before the foundation of the world
to open for us the way of salvation.

Confident that your promise will be fulfilled,
we now watch for the day
when Christ our Lord will come again in glory.

And so we join our voices with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven
to proclaim your glory,
for ever praising you and *saying/singing*:

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord

BLESSING:

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness from before your path, and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory; and the blessing . . .

WEEKLY PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

Church and Christian Ministry:

- In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer – The Episcopal Church of Brazil
- For Churches throughout the world, as a new church year begins

National and World Affairs:

- For justice, mercy and peace for all God's people
- For those who have been affected in any way by the Covid virus
- For all involved in the Refugee tragedy in the English Channel

Community and Family:

- For those who live in Gingers Close and Fawley Close
- Cranleigh Citizens Advice Bureau

The Sick and those in Need:

- Victoria Abel, Chris Bland, Matti Carrington, Claire Curry, Peggy Davies, Georgia, Stella Goldsmith, Helen and David, Ian and Susie, Jane, Kirsty, Amy and Dennis Loveless, Mary, Libby O'Brien, Brian Pettyfer, Jean Sandow, Pam Standen, Bert and Eileen Steed, Dennis and Rosemary Talbot, Ted and Marion Tomkins, Henry Young

The Departed:

- All we have known and loved, and especially Nicholas Bagot, Norma Connelly, Derek Fuller and Ian Taylor

Refreshments
will be served
in the Church
throughout

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

10TH - 13TH DECEMBER 2021

Open to the Public

Friday: 11am - 6pm,

Saturday: 9am - 6pm

Sunday: 12 - 6pm,

Monday: 9am - 4:30pm

(Prize giving 5pm)

For more info email
emily@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk
or call 01483 273620 and pop into the
office to pay and pick up your
voucher to decorate your own tree

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shared between
St. Nicolas Church
and the Children's Society



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WEEKLY NOTICES:

TOY SERVICE - ST NICOLAS DAY: Next Sunday, which is our Patronal Festival, will be our Annual Toy Service – you are invited to bring a new and unwrapped toy to church, which will be distributed to the needy through the work of Horsham Salvation Army.

ENVELOPE GIVERS: For those members of the congregation who normally use white envelopes for their regular giving, please can you contact our new Steward Secretary, Frank Sole on 01483 278273 or email frank.sole@btinternet.com so that he can ensure you receive your new supply of envelopes for January 2022.

CHURCHYARD TIDY UP - NEXT SATURDAY 4th DECEMBER FROM 9am

ONWARDS: The great majority of the long grass around the graves has now been cleared, so no need for strimmers etc. We shall concentrate on the leaves, including the car park. There is a booking in the church rooms at 8.30, so an early start would be a good idea! Depending on numbers, we may try to trim back some of the trees along the Rectory fence.

GREAT NEWS! Christmas Cards: Our 'in church Post Box' is back this year.

The boxes will be on a table at the back of the church as from 1st December. Please remember everyone who participates is responsible for *posting and collecting their own cards*. The scheme will finish on 23 December. Any cards left in the boxes will be recycled, so please don't put in cards for people unless you are fairly sure they will be coming to Church between 1st and 3rd December!

SUNDAY WORSHIP FROM JANUARY ONWARDS: At last week's PCC Meeting, there was unanimous agreement to another 6 month period of experimentation, which has been arrived at through listening carefully to the things that people have been saying in the recent consultations. The new service pattern will run for a 6 month period through to the end of June. We

will offer opportunities for feedback and reflection in both March and May, in order for a proper review to take place at the May PCC Meeting.

The pattern is in keeping with our desire to be a church which is Caring, Sharing and Daring, and seeks to be inclusive of all worship tastes, missional and realistic with the resources we currently have. More details will emerge later, but key points are:

- No change to current pattern of 8am or midweek services.
- The 10am Service on the first Sunday of each month will be known as 'Together on Sunday' and will be a Contemporary All Age Worship without Communion.
- The 10am Service on all other Sundays will be simultaneous Parish Communion (in Church) and Contemporary Worship with SEA Church groups (in the Church Rooms) but starting together in church and ending together in the Church Rooms with refreshments. Once a month the Contemporary Worship will be a simple Communion Service. Therefore, everyone will have a choice to make each Sunday!
- Worship@4 will cease to happen
- We will be re-introducing Evening Worship on two Sundays a month, but at the new time of 6pm. On the first Sunday of each month there will be a Choral Communion and on the third Sunday of each month there will be a Choral Evensong.

In order to resource the 10am simultaneous service, we are going to need some extra help:

- Volunteers for a rota to set up and take down the St Andrew's Room as a worship space.
- More helpers with childrens' groups. (see 'Can you Help' notice below)
- Funding for improvements to Audio-visual and sound provision in St Andrew's Room.

All offers to The Rector or Churchwardens, please!

CHURCH FLAG: It has been pointed out that we have not been flying the church flag! What we are looking for is a Flagmaster (or Mistress) – any volunteers please speak to the Churchwardens.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL: Don't forget to submit your entry forms to book your place – last few spaces remaining! Also, the sign up sheets for Stewarding are now at the back of church!

TRAI DCRAFT: There will be a full Traidcraft stall following today's 10am service - Christmas cards, chocolate and other Christmas goodies. Sue Knight

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL CAKE STALL: On Saturday 10th December, alongside the Christmas Tree Festival, we will be having some 'festive' stalls along the church path.

Katherine would very much like donations of cakes for the cake stall.. anything from mince pies to sponge cakes to stunning showstoppers welcome!

Cakes can be left in the church office on Friday (9:30am -2:30pm) or brought to the stall on Saturday morning. Thank you very much, in advance. Katherine Tuck

CAN YOU HELP? We need more volunteers to help run SEA Church, and also to start up our Youth Café on Wednesdays. If you can help please email Emily@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk.

To do this we will need helpers to put up decorations, set up the Hall and lay the tables on Christmas Eve. We will also be grateful for help with some of the cooking and preparing the veg. etc.

If you think you could help in any way please contact Sheila Smith on 274376. (The Community Lunch Team Leader)

2022 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

New Years Day Walk with Bring & Share Lunch. Saturday 1 January 2022.
Meet Church Rooms at 10.30am.

Desert Island Discs (Back by popular demand). Saturday 5th February

Pop-Up Tea Rooms. Sunday 20 February 2022 in Church Rooms

Rectory Fete Saturday 9th July

Picnic in the park. Saturday 16th July

Harvest Lunch for all the Family. Sunday 2nd October

KEEP IN TOUCH:

Rector - Revd Canon Roy Woodhams

(Day off: Monday)

Tel: 01483 800655. Email: roy@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk

Curate - Revd Tim Clifford Hill

(Day off: Friday)

Tel: 01483 276267. Email: tim@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk

Part time Curate - Revd Rutton Viccajee

(Works Wednesday, Friday, Sunday,

but currently seconded to the Parishes of Dunsfold and Hascombe)

Tel: 01252 910212. Email: rutton@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk

Administrator - Nicola Craven-Smith

(Works Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9.30-2.30)

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

Young People's Minister – Emily Clark

(Day off: Friday afternoon and Saturday)

Tel: 07427 748408. Email: emily@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk

Safeguarding Officer – Brian Boxall

Tel: 01483 277069. Email: brian.boxall@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk

Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor – Jackie Broadfoot

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