



St Nicolas Church, Cranleigh

5th Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 20th July 2025

THIS WEEK:

Sunday 20th July (5th Sunday after Trinity)

8am: Holy Communion (BCP)

10am: All Age Holy Communion

1.30pm: Wedding of Selina Nolan and Elias Knowles

6pm: Choral Evensong

Monday 21st July

10am: Sewing and Knitting Group in the Church Rooms

Tuesday 22nd July

12noon: Holy Communion (BCP)

Thursday 24th July

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

Friday 25th July

10am: MU Communion

***Little Nic's Baby and Toddler group has now finished for the summer.

Join us again on Friday 12th September for the new term***

Sunday 27th July (6th Sunday after Trinity)

8am: Holy Communion (CW)

10am: Parish Communion

COLLECTS:

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

(Or)

Almighty God, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

FIRST READING: *Colossians 1.15-28*

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him— provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

GOSPEL READING: *Luke 10.38-end*

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister

named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

POST COMMUNION PRAYER: Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

WEEKLY PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

Church and Christian Ministry:

- In the Anglican cycle of Prayer – The Church of Pakistan
- In the Diocese – for all bellringers in the churches across the diocese.
- In the Parish –for our own bellringers and Tower Captain, Graham

National and World Affairs:

- For peace in the world – especially thinking of the renewed tensions between Israel and Iran
- For the world's leaders as they navigate difficult times
- For all affected by the excessively hot weather

Community and Family:

- For those who live in The Copse and Ridgeway Close
- For the work of Surrey County Council

The Sick and those in Need:

- Helen Allen, Hazel Cherry, Shirley Combs, Claire Curry, Val Davies, Edward, Giovanni Fontebasso, Jean Jeffries, Sylvia Kellett, Jack Lewis, Jean Quallington, Chris Robinson, Colin Tilbury, Val, Nick Vrijland, Jeremy Watts
- *(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, Sheila McSorley, Mo, Brian & Jill Pettyfer, Ron & Lillian Reynolds,

Peggy Ringshall, Martin Root, Steff Shepherd, Sheila Smith, Dolores Spurgeon, Bert Steed, Val Thorogood, Michael Trent, Marilyn Wood

The Departed:

- All we have known and loved, who have left us through the years, and especially at this time David Grant, Vivian Haines, Sheila Soper

WEEKLY NOTICES:

WORSHIP FROM SEPTEMBER – FURTHER UPDATE: As announced last Sunday, in preparation for the vacancy at St Nicolas, we are going to make some changes in our worship from September. In this, the 10am main service will be the focus of our provision for families, children, and young people, including Trackers and, if possible, a new group for teenagers. The Discovery service will cease for the time being. All this means that an Implementation Group is now going to look at how we can make all our services more 'All Age', worship that is accessible for young and old, that is a joyful coming together of the whole church family and that brings us in relationship not only with God but also with each other.

The Implementation Group consists of:

Michael Clarke, as our Director of Music

Susan Clarke, as our Church Warden

Erik Heemskerk, as a representant of the Ministry Team

Claire Jones, as our Young People and Families Leader and responsible for our Trackers children's group

Sandra Keeping, as a member of our choir and representant of our Parish Communion congregation

Claire Oxborough, as ordinand in training and representant of our Discovery congregation

Steff Shepherd, as our Young People and Families Leader responsible for our Ignite Teenager Group

As a group we want to be praying, listening, thinking, and deciding about how we go forward as a church family. We'd really value your prayers and your thoughts, and it is my sincere hope that this can be a journey for all of us as a church as we grow together in our faith and as a community. If you would like to share your thoughts on all this, please do get back to me and answer some or all of the questions below and leave any other comments,

either through email or leave a note at the Church Office before 1st of August.

- *What key words sum up to you what coming to church is about for you?*
- *What do you value about what is now All Age Worship and All Age Communion (1st and 3rd Sundays)?*
- *What do you value about what is now Parish Communion (2nd and 4th Sunday)?*
- *How could we as a church include all ages (young and old) more in our services going forward?*
- *What could we do as a church to encourage different generations to make a connection and be a church that is a family of all ages?*

We are a Church that has Communion as the beating heart of our worship and community life, and in communion we all come together as children of God to be fed at his table, where we every time again are restored in our relationship with Him, and in our relationship with each other. Probably my favourite Biblical image of the Church is that of the Body of Christ, in which all the members are different, have different gifts, yet need each other and look after each other and my prayer as we go forward is that St Nicolas will be a church where there is 'no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together' (1 Corinthians 12:25-26). Our preferred style of worship may differ, and we may have different ideas on how we include all ages in the life of our church, but we are all equally called by Jesus to follow in his footsteps, and all of you are a vital part of His Church (His own body!) here in Cranleigh.

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who supported our Rectory fete last Saturday. Whether you ran a stall, helped on a stall, helped with the lifting and shifting, came and spent money or prayed for us, our combined efforts contributed to a very successful and enjoyable day. I am pleased to confirm our final net profit for the day is £7904.65. Richard

A huge thank you again to Richard Tuck and everyone who worked so hard to make the fete such a brilliant success despite the heat! Roy

FIRST AID COURSE NEW DATES Wednesday 23rd and 30th July in the Church Rooms.

If you would like to book your place, please contact Steff Shepherd on steff@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk.

CAKE TINS AND BOXES If you brought cakes or sandwiches to the fete and are now missing your tin or box, there are a number at The Rectory waiting to be claimed!

HERITAGE POTS FOR SALE I have a number of heritage eco-friendly clay pots for sale 9"/23cm diameter, 9"/23cm tall. £2 each or 3 for £5. They are on display at my gate in Kings Road. (Win 275573)

CHURCH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS The church office will be closed 4th-17th August while Nicola is on holiday. Aside from these dates, the office will be open but the hours may vary throughout the holidays, so please do call to check before making a special journey to the office!

MEMORY LANE meet on Monday 21st July @ 2.15pm in the Arts Centre and then enjoy "*Tea with a Pony*" at 10.30am on Tuesday 22nd July. Monday the 28th is when the Concert Group meets for further planning of "*Musical Memories*" coming to the Village Hall in October this year. The next "*Walk in the Park*" will be at 10.30am on Monday 11th August.
For any further details on anything, do please ring 01483 274398.

Parish Postcards

Dear Congregation

We would love you to send a postcard from your summer travels, whether that be abroad or closer to home, so that we can create a display of St Nic's travel tales!

*from,
the team at St Nic's*



Send your postcard to

St Nicolas Church Office

Church Lane

Cranleigh

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PICNIC IN THE PARK



SATURDAY 30TH AUGUST

4PM-7PM

in the Rectory Gardens

with

the Graham Hix Quintet

£12

INCLUDING GLASS OF PIMM'S

Tickets from Church office or Social Team at Sunday services

**Bring your own
picnic, chairs,
gazebo and money
for raffle tickets!**



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!

Your giving helps us to run this church and continue to serve our

community. You can join us in supporting this work by giving of your time, skills and money.

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