



St Nicolas Church, Cranleigh

11th Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 31st August 2025

THIS WEEK:

Sunday 31st August (11th Sunday after Trinity)

8am: Holy Communion (BCP)

10am: Parish Communion with Trackers

12noon: Baptism of Kai Stapley

Tuesday 2nd September

10am: Elmbridge Communion

12noon: Holy Communion (BCP)

Thursday 4th September

10am: Time for Prayer – 30 minutes of prayer and music

Friday 5th September

2pm: Cedar Court Communion

Sunday 7th September (12th Sunday after Trinity)

8am: Holy Communion (BCP)

10am: All Age Worship

12noon: Baptism of Luke Spendiff and Claudia Lucas

6pm: Choral Communion

Gluten-free wafers are available for all communion services. Please ask one of the welcome team who will be happy to help you with this or with any other questions you may have.

COLLECTS:

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

FIRST READING: *Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16*

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.

Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' So we can say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?'

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

GOSPEL READING: *Luke 14.1, 7-14*

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are

invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, “Friend, move up higher”; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.’

He said also to the one who had invited him, ‘When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.’

POST COMMUNION PRAYER: Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

WEEKLY PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

Church and Christian Ministry:

- In the Anglican cycle of Prayer – The Church of the South India
- In the Diocese – for those who are beginning new training courses with St Martha’s College, Caleb and other training institutions
- In the Parish – For all those returning to school this week, and especially for those starting new schools

National and World Affairs:

- For all who suffer as a result of human made and natural disasters
- For those living in constant fear in places of conflict
- For the world’s leaders, that their heart may be turned towards peace and reconciliation

Community and Family:

- For those who live in Charts Close and Little Manor Gardens
- For the Race Relations

The Sick and those in Need:

- Helen Allen, Hazel Cherry, Shirley Combs, Claire Curry, Val Davies, Edward, Jack Lewis, Jean Quallington, Colin Tilbury, Val, Nick Vrijland
- *(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, Jack Lewis, Sheila McSorley, Mo, Brian & Jill Pettyfer, Ron & Lillian 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 Maria Harrison, Susie May, Nikki McKechnie and Chris Robinson

WEEKLY NOTICES:

HARVEST LUNCH see poster on page 7. Please sign up by using the QR code, or the sign-up sheet in the back of church – the last date for bookings is Wednesday 1st October. There is no charge for the lunch. If you feel able to make a donation on the day, it will be received most gratefully.

Please note, that we are unable to cater for all dietary requirements (there will be a vegetarian option available) so please do bring your own food if required.

TIME FOR PRAYER resumes on Thursday 4th September at 10am for half an hour of prayer and music.

SUE TRESMAN'S ORDINATION Will take place on 28th September, 3pm, at Guildford Cathedral. If anyone would like to attend please contact Nicola in the office to request a ticket.

We will also be celebrating this special occasion alongside our Harvest Lunch on Sunday 5th October, more details to follow.

MEN'S GROUP 5 SEPTEMBER Our Next Men's Group is happening on Friday 5th of September. We'll meet at the Three Horseshoes around 7pm, from there we will go for a walk around Cranleigh (leaving around 7.30) and then we will return again at the Horseshoes. Please feel free to join for the start, just the walk, or the end of the evening (we will be back at The Three Horseshoes around 8.30-8.45), it would be great to see you all again and enjoy a drink! This time there won't be any food so make sure you've had some before you come out.

REQUEST FOR HELP - ANNUAL HERITAGE EVENT - 13TH SEPTEMBER - LEAFLET/ENVELOPE DISTRIBUTION

1170 the independent charity whose objective is to hold events aimed at raising funds towards the more substantive repair and maintenance of our lovely St Nicolas Church building and churchyard, is hoping that help can be offered with the delivery of the leaflets and envelopes around the village roads and streets. These are available this Sunday at the back of Church. Just place your name on the record sheet next to the name of any roads and streets you are able to manage. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

MEMORY LANE meets tomorrow from 2.15pm in Cranleigh Arts Centre. This is followed on Tuesday 2nd September with the last "Tea with a Pony." This is a lovely morning outing starting at 10.30am, which has been experienced since Spring by visitors watching the Ponies display, cuddling a pony whilst enjoying tea and cakes provided by the Riding for Disabled Volunteers.

The ML Concert Team meet on Friday 5th September to make further preparations for "Musical Memories" being performed on the 11th October in Cranleigh Village Hall.

Tickets for the Concert are now on sale. For these and any other information, just Email: mamwild@aol.com or Telephone: Memory Lane 01483 274398

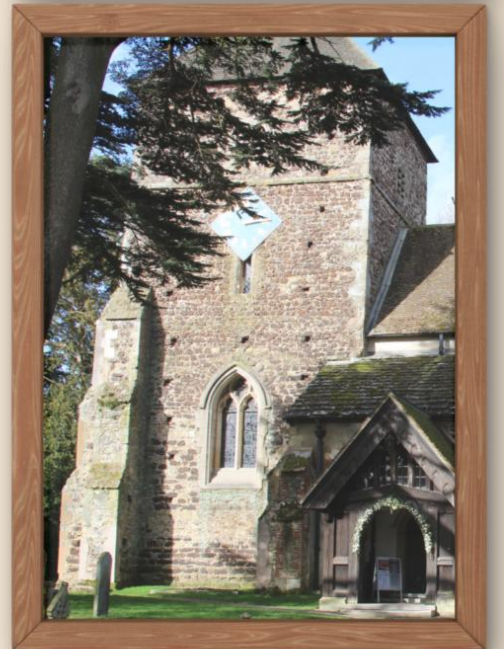
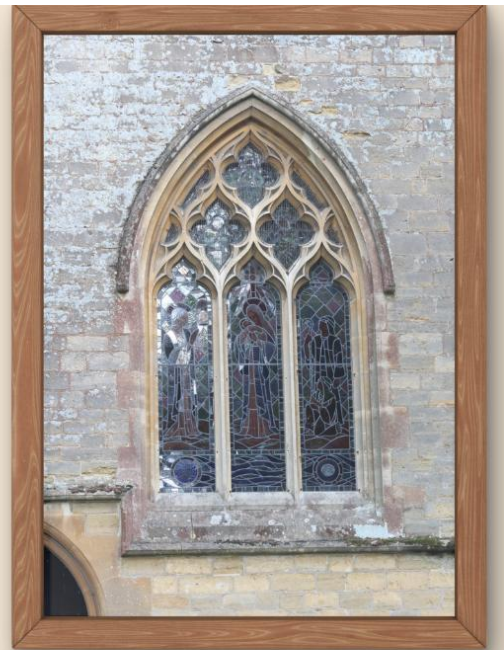


HERITAGE DAY & APPEAL

Saturday 13th September
10am-4pm

AT
ST NICOLAS CHURCH

www.1170.co.uk
for more information





HARVEST LUNCH

Sunday 5th October
12noon

in the Church Rooms

BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS, CROCKERY & CUTLERY

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL

Sign up in church or using QR code below



No Charge
donations on the day are very welcome

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!



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