



St Nicolas Church, Cranleigh

2nd Sunday before Advent

Sunday 19th November 2023

THIS WEEK:

Sunday 19th November

8am: Holy Communion (BCP)

10am: All Age Communion

6pm: Choral Evensong

Monday 20th November

10am: Sewing group in Church Rooms – all welcome!

Tuesday 21st November

10am: Elmbridge Communion

12noon: Holy Communion by Extension (BCP)

Wednesday 22nd November

10am: Toddler Praise (at the Methodist Church)

Thursday 23rd November

10am: Time for Prayer

Friday 24th November

10am: Little Nic's Toddlers (in church rooms)

10am: MU Communion

2.30pm: Funeral of Eric Upcott

Sunday 26th November (Christ the King)

8am: Holy Communion (CW)

10am: Parish Communion (CW)

Including the rededication of Lady Chapel Candles in memory of the late Tim Quallington

11.30am: Discovery

COLLECT:

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

or

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

FIRST READING: *1 Thessalonians 5.1-11*

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

GOSPEL READING: *Matthew 25.14-30*

‘For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, “Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, “Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, “Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.” But his master replied, “You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

WEEKLY PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

Church and Christian Ministry:

- In the Anglican cycle of Prayer – The Church of the Province of Myanmar
- In the Diocese – The staff of Church House Guildford
- In the Parish – for our team of flower arrangers, led by Chris Ashworth and Kate Viccajee.

National and World Affairs:

- For the people of Israel and Palestine, Ukraine and Russia
- For the leaders of the nations that they may have wisdom and integrity during these difficult times.

Community and Family:

- For those who live in The Ridgeway
- For those working in central government.

The Sick and those in Need:

- Jane and Frank Bloss, Pam Cheeseman, Claire Curry, Stella Goldsmith, Peter Hancock, Diane and Tim Heaney, Tricia Hislop, Jean Johnstone, Louise, Peter Poole, Sheila Smith, Diana Trent
- *(And for those with long-term prayer needs):* Baby Atticus and his parents Clare and Alex, Peggy Davis, James Goudie, Jane, Kirsty, Lottie Lack, Amy Loveless, Sheila McSorley, Mo, Libby O'Brien, Jean Peachey, Brian Pettyfer, Ron Reynolds, Peggy Ringshall, Martin Root, Steff Shepherd, Pam Standen, Dolores Spurgeon, Bert Steed, Win Thurman, Henry Young

The Departed:

- All we have known and loved, who have left us through the years, and especially at this time: Nick Haine, Eric Upcott

WEEKLY NOTICES:

CAN YOU HELP? Rosemarie and I are looking forward to having her family over for Christmas but are struggling to host all of them. Is anyone going away for Christmas (at some point between 23 and 30 December, they are flexible on the dates) and looking for someone to watch their house? Rosemarie's sister Stephanie, her husband Jouke, and their three children (a ten-year-old boy and 8-year-old twin girls) would love to look after your house. Thank you, Erik.

OPEN THE BOOK Thank you for all your support for Open the Book and our new team. We are currently going into all 3 schools on a regular basis which is very exciting. Our new team has 12 members in it, although we will always welcome more. 3



schools is a big commitment and it always helps to spread the load!

This is a plea however to the carpenters out there! The Open the Book team are badly in need of a new boat! The one we have was built when the team first came into being many years ago. It has warped with age and is quite cumbersome and heavy for us to carry.

We would love a new boat that is lighter or easier to carry and store please so any carpentry offers would be gratefully received!! Thank you!

FANCY FLOWER ARRANGING? The team are keen to encourage more people to join them, both men and women! They are having a meeting at 10am on Saturday 25th November in the Church Rooms. Why not come and find out more?

NO MORE 1 IN 3 As part of the 16 days of Activism, Mothers' Union are asking members to get involved in its "No more 1 in 3" campaign. On Saturday 25 November we are asked to hold a one minute's silence at 1.03pm (not 1.30pm as in the Parish Magazine) to remember that, 1 in 3 women worldwide will experience domestic violence in their lifetime.

There will be an opportunity to light a candle and join together to pray and keep the silence in church on Saturday 25 November at 12.45. Just an informal gathering for those who would like to come. Please bring your copy of the Mothers' Union Prayer Diary 2023 if you have one. All welcome.

Barbara Pearson

LEAFLET DROP We would like to deliver a Christmas leaflet to the new housing estates in Cranleigh, advising them of our Christmas services and inviting them to join us. If you would be able to help with delivering these, please email/call Nicola in the Church Office. Thank you

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS Thank you to those who have already signed up and donated. If you have not taken your donation into the office could we please have them by Sunday 26th November so that we can put the hampers together. If you have not already donated and would like to the lists are still at the back of the church with some spaces. Thank you all again for your, as ever, generous support. The Christmas Tree Festival Team

INTRODUCTION OF CAR PARKING CHARGES IN CHURCH CAR PARK The installation of machines was delayed by the recent storm and bad weather. We are awaiting a new date (likely in the next week) so please be prepared that car parking charges could begin at any time from now.

RUTTON'S MOVEMBER APPEAL Rutton is once again taking part in 'Movember' to raise money for Prostate Cancer UK. If you would like to support him please take a leaflet from the back of church for more info.

CONFIRMATION AND ADULT BAPTISM We are currently putting together groups for both adults and young people who might be interested in making a commitment to the life of the church through Baptism or Confirmation. Please talk to the Rector or to Erik if you are interested in this.

URGENT HELP for UKRAINE appeal by Memory Lane.

If you have any unused *3yr in date* Medicines or First Aid Dressings these are much needed in Ukraine. Please leave these in the Church Office or just telephone 01483 274398 to catch the next shipment.

MEMORY LANE on the 20th November will be introducing a new one-off initiative brought to Memory Lane by Jeanette Rourke of '*OPEN ACCESS ARTS*' from Guildford.

It will be a joyous fun occasion of Sessional Art Crafts and Games for all guests to enjoy. Memory Lane has a variable & interesting programme each month and is going from strength to strength, so proving the need and appreciation from people who are experiencing dementia and their carer partners.

Memory Lane meets in the Cranleigh Arts Centre at 2.15pm on the 1st & 3rd Monday of each month welcoming newcomers to every meeting. For details just call 01483 274398 or mamwild@aol.com.

TRACKERS our new teaching group for primary age school children is called Trackers. Our Tracker sessions will be during the 10am service on the third Sunday of the month and will be led by a trained member of our team. So if you know a young person who is keen to follow Jesus on the track of faith then bring them along!

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.

MISSED A SERVICE? Visit our [YouTube page](#) to view the entire back catalogue of live-streamed services!



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



DONATIONS: Don't forget you can always make an online donation in support of church funds by visiting the [website](#), clicking on the red button or scanning the QR code.



KEEP IN TOUCH:

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