



St Nicolas Church, Cranleigh

Trinity 8

Sunday 26th July 2026

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Welcome back to Rutton who is leading our services for us today!

8am: Holy Communion (CW)

10am: All Age Communion (with choir and Trackers activity)

Monday 27th July

10am: Sewing and Knitting Group in church rooms

Tuesday 28th July

12noon: Holy Communion (in church)

Thursday 30th July

10am: Time for Prayer – led prayer and themed music

Sunday 2nd August (Trinity 9)

8am: Holy Communion (BCP)

10am: All Age Communion (with choir and Trackers activity)

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.



Scan to view this week's service slides.

COLLECT:

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; 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

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: Romans 8.26-39

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

'For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever.

WEEKLY PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

A prayer for use during the rest of our vacancy

God our Father, you have welcomed each one of us in Jesus and called us to be His body in this place:

Send your Holy Spirit at this time of uncertainty and change, to fill us with vision, energy, and faithfulness in prayer, that we may be true to our calling to bring new life to our community.

Give your heavenly wisdom to Natalie appointed as our new rector for this parish, that she may be a wise and gentle shepherd of your people, ready to serve us with joy, to build us up in faith and to lead us by example in loving obedience to your Son, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Church and Christian Ministry:

- In the Anglican cycle of Prayer – The Anglican Church of Tanzania
- In the Diocese – for all clergy across the diocese
- In the Parish – For Susan and Alan, our churchwardens, giving thanks for all their incredibly hard work.

National and World Affairs:

- For all innocent civilians and especially children living in places of conflict
- For the safety of those in positions of political leadership

Community and Family:

- For those who live in Kings Road and Kingslake
- For those working for local and national newspapers and for journalists.

The Sick and those in Need:

- Brian Bagot, Hazel Cherry, Lorna Coles, Claire Currie, Val Davies, Diana Fowler, Bryn Jones, Edward, Ed Lanier, Pamela Lempriere, Nigel Lynn, Ray, John Skan, Colin Tilbury, Val.
- *(And for those with long-term prayer needs):* Atticus and his parents Clare and Alex, Neil Charman, Annie Cotterill, David, Stella Goldsmith, James Goudie, Helen Allen, Jane, Kirsty, Lottie Lack, Mo, Brian & Jill

Pettyfer, Roger Pilling, Jean Quallington, Ron & Lillian Reynolds, Peggy Ringshall, Martin Root, Steff Shepherd, Sheila Smith, Dolores Spurgeon, Bert Steed, Val Thorogood, Nick Vrijland, Marilyn Wood, Judy Wedderspoon.

The Departed:

All we have known and loved, who have left us through the years, especially at this time Robert Parry.

WEEKLY NOTICES:

ERIK'S FAREWELL Thank you to everyone who contributed to Erik's leaving service and lunch. Thanks especially to Susan, Alan, Nicola, to the team who manned the BBQ and the kitchen and to everyone else who helped to make the day such a wonderful send off for Erik, Rosemarie and the girls.

TWO DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

Wed 2nd Sept 7.30pm – Erik's installation as Vicar of St Mary's in Barton, Oxford.

Tues 6th October 7.30pm – Natalie Worsfold's installation as Rector of Cranleigh!

More information will be available in due course.

A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who supported our Rectory fete this year in any way. Setting up and taking down, running stalls, spending money and praying for us. In total we have raised £6879.68

OFFICE Over the summer months the opening times of the office will vary, please feel free to call before coming down or email instead of popping in!

CRANLEIGH FOOD AND FARMING FESTIVAL We have been invited to have a stand once again at the festival on Sunday 2nd August. We would be grateful for any offers of help to man the stand on the day. Set-up is at 8.30am and the festival runs until approx. 4pm. Any time that you can offer would be a great help. Please email

Susan.tresman@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk if you can help. Thank you

AN INVITATION TO YOU ALL The Trackers Team could use some more volunteers! Could you be the person who helps our primary-aged children meet with God to understand his blessings? We have two different roles within our Trackers group:

1. To sit with the group while the session is taught,
2. To help deliver the sessions, which are pre-planned with just a small amount of set-up.

We will help those who volunteer to do some simple training as a part of the wider churches safer recruitment policy.

Our lovely children need lots of faces in their church family to enable and to grow their faith. If you would like to know more, and to sit in on a session (which I would recommend to everyone anyway!) please do let me know. Claire Jones

LAY PASTORAL VISITORS' TRAINING COURSE 2026

This course will run on the following Saturdays: 5 September, 10 October, 7 November & 5 December 2026, 10am-4pm at Church House, Guildford. If anyone feels called to consider this, Revd. Martin Booth would be happy to tell you more about pastoral visiting. Please contact the church office for more information.

MEMORY LANE meet this Monday at 2pm in the Cranleigh Arts Centre. A walk is then planned for 10.30am around Knowle Park the following Monday. Their final meeting on the 17th August will be the popular return by Dr Jill Rasmussen who helps Carers with their difficult role of helping their partners who have Dementia, in so many ways .To contact Memory Lane just Call mamwild@aol.com or 01483 A274398



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8:00 PM

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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? Sue is always very happy to meet for a cup of coffee, tea, or a pint, just get in touch using the contact details above!



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