



St Nicolas Church, Cranleigh

Trinity 6

Sunday 12th of July 2026

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8am: Holy Communion (CW)

10am: All Age Communion (with Choir)

Monday 13th July

10am: Sewing and Knitting Group in church rooms

1.15pm: Cranleigh C of E Leaver's Service

Tuesday 14th July

12noon: Holy Communion

6pm: Elmbridge Evensong

Wednesday 15th July

11.30am: Funeral of Robin Brand (in church)

2.30pm: Knowle Park Communion

Thursday 16th July

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

2pm: Funeral of Shirley Upcott (in church)

Friday 17th July

9.30am: Little Nic's Baby and Toddler Group

3pm: Wedding of Katherine Bowser and Alexander Thwaite

Saturday 18th July

3pm: Wedding of Jemima Smith and Alexander Jefferies

Sunday 19th July (Trinity 6)

8am: Holy Communion (BCP)

10am: All Age Communion (Erik's Last Service)

12.30: Erik's Farewell Lunch

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:

Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love you
such good things as pass our understanding:
pour into our hearts such love toward you
that we, loving you in all things and above all things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
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.
Amen.

or

Creator God,
you made us all in your image:
may we discern you in all that we see,
and serve you in all that we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

FIRST READING: Genesis 25:19-end

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, 'If it is to be this way, why do I live?' So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her, 'Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger.' When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they

named him Esau. Afterwards his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them. When the boys grew up, Esau was a skilful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob. Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, 'Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!' (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, 'First sell me your birthright.' Esau said, 'I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?' Jacob said, 'Swear to me first.' So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!' 'Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed

bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 Episcopal Church of South Sudan
- In the Diocese – The Vacancy in See Committee as they begin the process of discerning who God is calling to be our next Bishop (any thoughts you may have can be shared here: <https://shorturl.at/DT7HZ>)
- In the Parish – For everyone who came to our Rectory Fete yesterday

National and World Affairs:

- For all innocent civilians and especially children living in places of conflict
- For our prime minister, government and all those in positions of leadership

Community and Family:

- For those who live in Sapte Close, Dover Court
- For the Armed Services

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, Sarah, 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 Robin Brand, Frank Cattini, Barbara Cox, Shirley Upcott.

WEEKLY NOTICES:

A BIG THANK YOU A massive thank you to Richard and everyone who helped to make yesterday's Fete such a big success!

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!

PINT WITH ERIK Completely contrary to his beliefs and character, Erik is intending to spend some time in his last week at the Three Horseshoes. If you'd like to have a drink with him, he will be there Monday, Tuesday and Friday afternoon from 3-5pm, Thursday 4-5.30pm, and he will probably also be around on Wednesday and Saturday. Feel free to drop him a text (07368871589) before you come down.

TIME FOR PRAYER Half an hour spent well with led prayer and themed music every Thursday morning from 10.00am for a precious 30 minutes. A time with others to let the peace of the Lord truly come into your life. A

spectrum of Prayer to place in His hands with some time for you in quiet to listen to Him. Oh and afterwards at the Art Centre for tea/coffee if you so wish."

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



ERIK'S FAREWELL LUNCH Erik's last service with us will be **Sunday 19th July at 10am**. We would love for you all to join us for the service, followed by a **BBQ lunch** in the church rooms and adjoining side garden!

We would be grateful for contributions of salads and desserts, a sign-up sheet for which can be found in the cross-aisle.

We will be welcoming donations (on the day or via this QR code) towards the cost of the BBQ food and drink should anyone wish to contribute in this way, but please note that you **do not** need to have made a donation to come and join the lunch. Everyone is very welcome and we hope it will be a busy and fun-filled celebration for Erik and the family.

We will provide vegetarian and gluten-free options, it would be really useful if you could let us know if you will require either of these options so that we can cater accordingly. Thank you.

MEMORY LANE Had an interesting meeting last Monday when all the guests were able to take part in producing joyous music together. This was made possible by one of the Guests who introduced and enabled everyone to play her Indonesian Angklunks. (see picture) It didn't take long before popular old songs were being sung accompanied by about 30 Angklunks. This is similar to English Hand Bells but very harmonious in tone and the whole afternoon was enjoyed by everyone. The next Memory Lane meeting in the Arts Centre will be the 3rd August followed on Monday 17th August with a talk by Dr Jil Rasmussen.



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? Erik and Sue 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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