

St Nicolas Church, Cranleigh

4th Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 13th July 2025

THIS WEEK:

Sunday 13th July (4th Sunday after Trinity)

8am: Holy Communion (CW) 10am: Parish Communion 11.30am: Discovery Service

Monday 14th July

No Sewing Group today

Tuesday 15th July

10am: Elmbridge Communion 12noon: Holy Communion (BCP)

Wednesday 16th July

Quinquennial inspection in Church

10am: Mothers Union

2.30pm: Knowle Park Communion

Thursday 17th July

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

Friday 18th July

10am: Little Nic's Baby and Toddlers in church rooms

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

STOP PRESS

See Page 4/5 for important communication about changes to worship patterns after the summer

COLLECTS:

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Gracious Father, by the obedience of Jesus you brought salvation to our wayward world: draw us into harmony with your will, that we may find all things restored in him, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

FIRST READING: Colossians 1.1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow-servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit. For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 10.25-37

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.' And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.'

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

POST COMMUNION PRAYER: Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

WEEKLY PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

Church and Christian Ministry:

- In the Anglican cycle of Prayer The Church of North India
- In the Diocese for all the retired clergy with Permission to Officiate, who help at churches across the diocese, and especially for Martin, Peter and Rodney in our own parish

 In the Parish – Give thanks for Richard Tuck and for his hard work in organising a successful fete, and for all the volunteers who gave their time on the day.

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 this week's flooding in the USA

Community and Family:

- For those who live in Fettes Road and Loretto Close
- For our local Police Forces

The Sick and those in Need:

- Helen Allen, Hazel Cherry, 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 Stanley Cornford, David Grant, Pamela Hodges, Sheila Soper

WEEKLY NOTICES:

WORSHIP CHANGES AS WE APPROACH THE VACANCY: At last week's PCC Meeting, discussion and decisions were made about some changes to worship patterns with the vacancy approaching. Although we have an impressive line-up of ordained and lay worship leaders, there will be inevitable pressures on the remaining staff, after Roy leaves, and there is a distinct possibility that Erik will be leaving us before there is a new Rector in post (his Curacy ends in Summer 2026). This means that a sustainable program of services needs to be in place before Roy leaves.

Overview of changes which will come into effect on 1st September:

- 1. The 10am service will become the main focus of All Age Worship and provision for children, young people and families, including Trackers, which will be at 10am on all Sundays and hopefully (if volunteers are forthcoming) a new group for teenagers.
- 2. The 10am Service on the 1st Sunday of the month will continue to be All Age Worship. On all other Sundays it will be All Age Communion, though it will have a different feel on the 3rd Sunday of the month when musically it will be led by the band, while the choir will continue to lead on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. Those leading 10am worship will ensure a general 'All Age feel' every week.
- 3. Discovery Service will cease from 1st September 2025 until there is a new incumbent in post, when there will be a further review of provision to families and young people, under the guidance of the new Incumbent.
- 4. 8am and 6pm Services will continue unchanged. Evensong Services, however, will utilise a greater involvement of lay leaders when possible, in order to take pressure off the ordained clergy. Sometimes the 'sermon' slot at Evensong may be replaced by a shorter 'reflection'.
- 5. The PCC have appointed an Implementation Group to oversee these changes. This will meet regularly between now and October, and will be made up of representatives from all worship traditions.

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 too heavy to bring in quantity to the Rectory Fete but are on display at my gate in Kings Road. All proceeds to Rectory Fete Plant Stall. (Win 275573)

FIRST AID COURSE This First Aid Course was originally booked for the 5th July, unfortunately we were unable to fill all the spaces for the course. We set up this course for our volunteers as it is important that our volunteers feel equipped in their roles. We would also like to invite anyone who has an interest in gaining a First Aid Certificate.

The course has been rescheduled for later in July over 2 evenings rather than one full day (the course is 6 hours altogether). If this is something

that you are interested in, please contact Steff Shepherd on steff@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk.

Please could you also state if Mondays or Wednesday evenings would suit you best.

SYLVIA KELLETT would like to thank everyone for their Get Well, best wishes. She is progressing well. "Slow but sure".

<u>SAVE THE DATE</u> Roy's last service with us will be the 10am Service on Sunday 19th October – more details to follow.

THE RECTOR ENTERTAINS Due to a clash with Sue Tresman's Ordination as a deacon, 'The Rector Entertains' has moved from 28th September to the new date of 12th October.

<u>FLOOR CLEANING VOLUNTEERS</u> We have a small team of volunteers who clean the church hall floors on a rota basis. We now have a smaller, lighterweight cleaning machine which makes it easier for anyone to use! If you could volunteer your time to join our rota please contact <u>alan@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk</u>. Thank you.

MEMORY LANE meet on Monday 14th July at 10.30am for an hour's stroll around Knowle Park and are joined by anyone who may be feeling lonely or caring for someone. This is followed on Tuesday 15th when Memory Lane Guests and others will enjoy the event "Cedar Branches Out"; an Afternoon Tea kindly provided in the Cedar Court garden. After the next Memory Lane Meeting on Monday 21st, guests and Team will be at Riding for the Disabled in Rowley where they are entertained on Tuesday mornings from 10.30am at "Tea with a Pony". Due to Annual Servicing at the Arts Centre, there will be no Memory Lane on Monday 4th August but all other events continue as normal. For any further details on anything, do please ring 01483 274398.



SATURDAY 30TH AUGUST 4PM-7PM

in the Rectory Gardens

with

the Graham Hix Quintet

£12

INCLUDING CLASS 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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(Works Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9.30am-1pm)

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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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community. You can join us in supporting this work by giving of your time, skills and money. You can make a donation (one-time or regular) by clicking the red button, visiting our website, or scanning the QR code.

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