



St Nicolas Church, Cranleigh
Matthew the Apostle
Sunday 21st September 2025

THIS WEEK:

Sunday 21st September (14th Sunday after Trinity)

- 8am: Holy Communion (BCP)
- 10am: All Age Holy Communion (CW)
- 5pm: Ignite in Church Rooms
- 6pm: Choral Evensong

Monday 22nd September

- 12noon: Memorial Service of Maria Harrison

Tuesday 23rd September

- 12noon: Holy Communion (BCP)

Wednesday 24th September

- 9.30am: Toddler Praise in Church Rooms

Thursday 25th September

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

Friday 26th September

- 9.30am: Little Nics Baby & Toddlers in church rooms
- 10am: MU Communion
- 12noon: Funeral of Susie May at Guildford Crematorium
- 3.30pm: Interment of Ashes of Kathleen Sheedy

Sunday 28th September (15th Sunday after Trinity)

- 8am: Holy Communion (CW)
- 10am: All Age Communion (CW)
- 3pm: Caleb Ordinations at Guildford Cathedral

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.

CHOIR ANTHEM

O Jesus Christ, thou dearest Lord,
Thou Prince of life and glory,
Thou with the Father art adored
In heaven, where saints surround thee.
How best can I the victory sing
Won by thy might, thou gracious King?
What strains can I be raising,
Thy love and power praising?

Draw us, to thee that haste we may,
The wings of faith aye plying;
Help us to turn from earth away,
The land of bondage flying.
My God, when may I soar to thee?
When joy and peace my portion be?
When may I stand before thee?
When reign with thee in glory?

COLLECTS:

O Almighty God, whose blessed Son called Matthew the tax collector to be an apostle and evangelist: give us grace to forsake the selfish pursuit of gain and the possessive love of riches that we may follow in the way of your Son Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING: *2 Corinthians 4. 1-6*

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim

ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL READING: *Matthew 9. 9-13*

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: by the power of the same Spirit strengthen us to witness to your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Or

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

WEEKLY PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

Church and Christian Ministry:

- In the Anglican cycle of Prayer – Anglican Church of South America
- In the Diocese – for the Caleb's being ordained next Sunday
- In the Parish – for Sue Tresman as she prepares to be ordained Deacon next Sunday

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 Marjoram Avenue and Betony Close
- For our PCC

The Sick and those in Need:

- Helen Allen, Hazel Cherry, Shirley Combs, Claire Curry, Val Davies, Edward, Rodney Hill, Jack Lewis, Edna McSorley, 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 Susie May, Chris Robinson and Carol Valente

WEEKLY NOTICES:

CHRIS ROBINSON'S FUNERAL will take place on Wednesday 8th October at 2.15pm in church.

IGNITE IS BACK!! Sunday 21st September (THIS WEEK!) 5-6pm in St Andrews Room. Crazy Competitions Evening...lots of prizes to be won! See you there!

OFFICE OPENING HOURS have changed. Nicola will be in the office on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, with the office open for visitors between 9.30am and 1pm.

10 AM SUNDAY SERVICES Since the beginning of September we have introduced some small changes to our 10am services, which will help us all to continue worshipping as one family during the vacancy period after Roy has left:

The general pattern of 10am services continues as before, with All-Age Worship on the 1st Sunday of the month, Holy Communion (now called All-Age Communion) weeks 2, 3 and 4, accompanied by the band on weeks 1 & 3 and the choir on weeks 2 & 4.

Trackers, for primary-aged children, will continue on 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays but they will now go to the St Andrew's Room rather than the choir vestry and will stay out for longer on the 2nd and 4th Sundays.

Families with children A number of other measures - such as refurbishing the toy/book bags for under-5s, better signing and an updated welcome pack - will help to welcome families to church.

Music - More variety of hymns and songs on all Sundays, with hymn practices before some services to help us learn unfamiliar hymns or songs. New singers and instrumentalists are always welcome for choir or band!

Readers and intercessors - A mix of old and young to contribute across all services. Please let us know if you would like to take part in this way.

Slides - A 'Contents' margin using Makaton signs has been added to the slides, so that people can see where we are in the service, what's coming up next, and how much longer there is to go!

GOOD SAMARITAN An email was sent to us this week: *"I'd like to thank from my heart a parishioner of Cranleigh, I'm not sure if it was your church. It was Christmas Eve, early 1980s, I was hitchhiking home for Christmas, and I left a bit late, so realised I probably wouldn't be able to get home for Christmas Eve, so I phoned my Mum to let her know. Anyway, I ended up on the outskirts of Cranleigh, around midnight.*

I was resigned to having to stay awake all night to keep out the cold, then along came a young man, who had just come back from midnight mass, who offered me a bed for the night. He even offered to sleep on the floor for

me. So I accepted, and managed to get back home around midday on Christmas Day. I've never forgotten his kindness and never will. It was one more thing that helped me on my journey back to God.

Thank you and many blessings, John"

If this story rings any bells do let Nicola know in the office and she can put you in touch with John.

ENVELOPES We have a box of DL window envelopes in the office that won't be used. If anyone can make good use of them, please come to the office to collect.

MOTHERS UNION 8TH OCTOBER please note that there will be no lunch (as previously planned) after MU on 8th October. Please do stay for coffee instead.

CHILD'S SLEEP STATION BED (Marks and Spencer) Available for a donation to St. Nicolas Church a mid-sleeper bed complete with desk, set of draws, cupboard, and book shelves.

Please contact Doug or Anne Lock Tel. 01483 276116 for more details.

HARVEST LUNCH 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.



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



THE RECTOR ENTERTAINS

ROY WOODHAMS
PLAYS MUSIC ON THE
ORGAN AND PIANO

SUNDAY at
12 OCT 3pm

Followed by tea & cake
in the church rooms



Adults £10
Children £5

Tickets on the door

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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