



St Nicolas Church, Cranleigh

Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 12th November 2023

THIS WEEK:

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8am: Holy Communion (CW)

9.45am: Remembrance Service

*NB cars will not be able to leave the car park until the procession leaves from the lych gate.
If you need to leave quickly after the service, please park in one of the village car parks.*

10.55am: Service at the War Memorial

Monday 13th November

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

Tuesday 14th November

10am: Elmbridge Morning Service

12noon: Holy Communion (BCP)

Wednesday 15th November

10am: Toddler Praise (at the Methodist Church)

Thursday 16th November

10am: Time for Prayer

Friday 17th November

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

10.30am: Funeral of Rita Woodley

Sunday 19th November

8am: Holy Communion (BCP)

10am: All Age Communion

6pm: Choral Evensong

COLLECT:

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

or

God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord.

FIRST READING: *Wisdom of Solomon 6:17-20*

The beginning of wisdom is the most sincere desire for instruction, and concern for instruction is love of her, and love of her is the keeping of her laws, and giving heed to her laws is assurance of immortality, and immortality brings one near to God; so the desire for wisdom leads to a kingdom.

GOSPEL READING: *Matthew 25.1-13*

‘Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, “Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.” Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, “Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.” But the wise replied, “No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.” And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, “Lord, lord, open to us.” But he replied, “Truly I tell you, I do not

know you.” Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

WEEKLY PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

Church and Christian Ministry:

- In the Anglican cycle of Prayer – Anglican Church of Mozambique and Angola
- In the Diocese – for the Diocesan Mothers Union
- In the Parish – for our knitting and sewing group, for their hard work and creativity in creating our wonderful poppy installation.

National and World Affairs:

- For the work of the Royal British Legion and the Earl Hague Poppy Appeal
- 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 Sapte Close and Dover Court
- For our Armed Services.

The Sick and those in Need:

- Jane and Frank Bloss, Pam Cheeseman, Claire Curry, Dan, Stella Goldsmith, 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: Jordan Golesworthy, Patricia Rodford, Caroline Slagel, Eric Upcott, Rita Woodley

WEEKLY NOTICES:

THANK YOU to everyone who knitted poppies to create our beautiful display across the front of the church. We were blessed to have so many people use their time and skills to create these poppies, both from the church and the wider community near and far! I am sure you will all agree that this is a wonderfully fitting tribute to all those we are remembering this Remembrance Sunday.

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.

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

OUR NEW WEBSITE is live! We are delighted that our new website is now up and running and we hope you have been able to make use of it already. If you have any feedback or things you would like to see included please do let us know. A huge thank you to Martha Woodhams, Nicola and Erik for the hours of work that have gone in to creating this great new resource.

FUNDING THE APPOINTMENT OF AN OUTREACH LEADER Please take time to read the letter from The Rector which was attached to last Sunday's email. There are also hard copies at the back of Church.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL We are all looking forward to our wonderful Christmas Tree Festival. As part of the event we are planning to raffle some Christmas Hampers. We would like to make up a family, a children's and a pamper hamper which I am sure in the busy run up to Christmas you would like to win. Please would you kindly donate some items for these. At the back of the church today there are sheets to sign up for your donations. Items can be left in the office until Monday 27th November. Thank you

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. There will be no charge on Sundays and Bank Holidays. For volunteers and people attending weekday services, please send your car registration number as soon as possible to nicola@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk to apply for exemption from charges.

THANK YOU On behalf of the Bible Society I would like to thank every one who baked, bought or ate their way through all the wonderful cakes that were being sold on Bible Sunday last week. It really was a great event for I can't remember seeing so many cakes in our church rooms at one time. With everything that was sold, plus donations, we made a grand total of £347 = roughly 58 Bibles. Bless you all, again thank you so very much. Sue Walker

HARVEST DONATIONS – THANK YOU We received a letter of thanks from Cranleigh Food Bank for all your generous harvest donations. The food bank are receiving an increased number of requests for help and these donations, together with donations from other local schools and churches, have ensured they have enough stock to keep them going until Christmas.

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:

Rector - Revd Canon Roy Woodhams (*Day off: Monday*)

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Associate Minister (Part Time) - Revd Rutton Viccajee

(Works Wednesday, Friday, Sunday, but

currently also working as Minister in Charge of Dunsfold and Hascombe)

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Administrator - Nicola Craven-Smith

(Works Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9.30-2.30)

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(All enquiries should be routed via the Church Office for the time being)

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