



The Benefice of Crockham Hill and Westerham



News from Crockham Hill

Sunday 10th August 2025— Trinity 8

Crockham Hill

10.00am: Family Service

Westerham

08.00am: Traditional Communion at Westerham

10.30am: 2nd Sunday Service at Westerham

Whoever you are, wherever you live, whichever church you consider 'yours', whatever life is like for you and regardless of money, status, (dis)ability or anything else, you are welcome at any service in the Benefice.

Hymns:

God beyond earth's finest treasures
296 - Rejoice, O land, in God thy might
112 - God moves in a mysterious way
Great is thy faithfulness

Collect:

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.



First Reading: Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16

11 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² Indeed, by faith^[a] our ancestors received approval. ³ By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹ By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised.^[e] ¹² Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, ‘as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.’

¹³ All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴ for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Gospel: Luke 12: 32-40

³² ‘Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ³⁵ ‘Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶ be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸ If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹ ‘But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he^[g] would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.’

Benefice Services: Sunday 17th August 2025

Crockham Hill:

10.00am: Common Worship Eucharist Service

Westerham:

10.30am: Holy Communion

A Prayer for Peace

God of peace and justice, we lift up to you the peoples of
Ukraine, Gaza and Sudan today.

We pray for all the world's war zones,
for the laying down of weapons and end to calls of violence;
for all those who fear for tomorrow,

that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them;

for those with power of war or peace,

for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.

Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,
asking you to hold and protect them.

We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen



Notices for Holy Trinity Pewsheets: Please email to cfeakes@crockhamhill.kent.sch.uk by the Wednesday of each week.

Many Thanks. *Carole Feakes – Parish Administrator*

NOTICES

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| 13 Sept | 7pm | Come a Wassailing with Crockham Hill Village |
| 17 Sept | 10.30am | Drop in Café in the Harris Room. Future dates: 15 Oct, 19 Nov, 17 Dec |

Foodbank.

A big Thank you from the Foodbank for your generous gifts.

This month—items requested include:
Puddings, Jam and honey, Tinned stewed steak, Hot dogs, Tinned meatballs, Corned beef, Pasta sauce.

**** Opportunity for a Volunteer Foodbank Centre Manager for the Edenbridge Food Bank. See poster In the porch for more details.**



Used Postage Stamps—Please leave used postage stamps in the envelope in church. The Mobility Shop in Tunbridge Wells is collecting them.

Saturday Afternoon Organ Recitals at Westerham Parish Church. Aug/Sept date cancelled—Next Recital Date to be advised.

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