



The Benefice of Crockham Hill and Westerham



News from Crockham Hill

Sunday 14th September 2025— Trinity 13/Creation 2

Crockham Hill:

10.00am: Common Worship Eucharist Service

Westerham:

8.00am: Traditional Communion

10.30am: Second Sunday Service



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:

192 - Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

134 - Loving Shepherd of thy sheep

97 - Father of heaven, whose love profound

There's a wideness in God's mercy (on sheet)

Collect for Holy Cross Day

Almighty God,

who in the passion of your blessed Son

made an instrument of painful death

to be for us the means of life and peace:

grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ

that we may gladly suffer for his sake;

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

First Reading: Jeremiah 4: 11-12, 22-28

¹¹ At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem:
A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert
towards my poor people, not to winnow or cleanse—
¹² a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgement
against them.

²² ‘For my people are foolish, they do not know me;
they are stupid children, they have no understanding.
They are skilled in doing evil, but do not know how to do good.’

²³ I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void;
and to the heavens, and they had no light.

²⁴ I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking,
and all the hills moved to and fro.

²⁵ I looked, and lo, there was no one at all,
and all the birds of the air had fled.

²⁶ I looked, and lo, the fruitful land was a desert,
and all its cities were laid in ruins
before the Lord, before his fierce anger.

²⁷ For thus says the Lord: The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I
will not make a full end.

²⁸ Because of this the earth shall mourn,
and the heavens above grow black;
for I have spoken, I have purposed;
I have not relented nor will I turn back.

Gospel: Luke 15: 1-10

15 Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen
to him. ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and
saying, ‘This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.’

³ So he told them this parable: ⁴ ‘Which one of you, having a
hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-
nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds
it? ⁵ When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶
And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and

neighbours, saying to them, “Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.” ⁷ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance.

⁸ ‘Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹ When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, “Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.” ¹⁰ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.’

Benefice Services: Sunday 21st September 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@crookhamhill.kent.sch.uk by the Wednesday of each week.

Many Thanks. *Carole Feakes – Parish Administrator*

NOTICES

17 Sept	10.30am	Drop in Café in the Harris Room. Future dates: 15 Oct, 19 Nov, 17 Dec
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Foodbank gifts: This month—items requested include: jam, honey, puddings, pasta sauce, tinned meats

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

ECT is in urgent and desperate need of volunteers to help at the One 2 One mentoring group on a Tuesday evening (5pm – 6pm **or** 6pm – 7pm). Sessions are 1 hour long in term time only. Please contact Anthony Shipwright if you would like to know more. ect.youthworker@gmail.com 07738 232296.

Bereavement Café: 2pm-4pm At Bridges Centre in Edenbridge, on the third Monday of the month.

Fr Owen is celebrating the 60th Anniversary of his Ordination

He is coming to take our services on Sunday September 21st, so we are planning a small celebration for him that day after the service. Please join us. He is then going to St. George's Bickley to take a service at 1pm

There will also be a celebration at All Saints, New Cross. Sunday October 5th at 5pm, all are welcome.

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