



# St Nicolas Church, Cranleigh

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

## **THIS WEEK:**

### **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter)**

**8am: Holy Communion (BCP)**

**10am: All Age Worship**

**12noon: Baptism of Evie Clark**

**5pm: Teenagers Group in Church Rooms**

**6pm: Choral Communion**

### **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April**

**10am: Sewing and Knitting Group in Church Rooms**

### **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April**

**12noon: Holy Communion (BCP)**

**6pm: Elmbridge Evening Service**

### **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April**

**10am: Time for Prayer**

### **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter)**

**8am: Holy Communion (CW)**

**10am: Parish Communion**

**11.30am: Discovery Service**

## **COLLECT:**

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth;

through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*or*

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father.

## **INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

Christ our passover lamb has been sacrificed for us. Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

### **FIRST READING:** *Exodus 14.10–end*

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt?

Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.

But Moses said to the people, Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again.

The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still.

Then the Lord said to Moses, Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward.

But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground.

Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers.

And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers.

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them.

It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided.

The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers.

At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic.

He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.

Then the Lord said to Moses, Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.

So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea.

The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained.

But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore.

Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

## **GOSPEL READING:** *John 20.19-end*

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

# **INTRODUCTION TO THE PEACE**

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

## **SEASONAL PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
almighty and eternal Father,  
and in these days of Easter  
to celebrate with joyful hearts  
the memory of your wonderful works.  
For by the mystery of his passion  
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,  
has conquered the powers of death and hell  
and restored in men and women the image of your glory.  
He has placed them once more in paradise  
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.  
And so, in the joy of this Passover,  
earth and heaven resound with gladness,  
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation  
sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER:**

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## **BLESSING**

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant,

make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing . . .

## **WEEKLY PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:**

### **Church and Christian Ministry:**

- In the Anglican cycle of Prayer – The Episcopal/Anglican province of Alexandria
- In the Diocese – for all the clergy in this week after Easter.
- In the Parish – for those who are new to our church and to the faith.

### **National and World Affairs:**

- For peace in the world, and especially for the safety of the people of Israel and Palestine, Ukraine and Russia and Haiti
- 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 Grove Road and Oak Grove
- For those who work in the fields of science and technology
- For good community relations

### **The Sick and those in Need:**

- Jane Bloss, Pam Cheeseman, Claire Curry, Anne Dulley, Emily McGowan, Tricia Hislop, David Latimer, Louise, Gladys Mulley, Alan Page, Peter Poole, Diana Trent, Jeremy Watts
- *(And for those with long-term prayer needs):* Baby Atticus and his parents Clare and Alex, Peggy Davis, Stella Goldsmith, James Goudie, Jane, Kirsty, Lottie Lack, Amy Loveless, Sheila McSorley, Mo, Libby O'Brien, Brian Pettyfer, Ron Reynolds, Peggy Ringshall, Martin Root, Steff Shepherd, Sheila Smith, Pam Standen, Dolores Spurgeon, Bert Steed, Win Thurman.

## **The Departed:**

- All we have known and loved, who have left us through the years, and especially at this time Freda Ives and Leslie Mynard.

## **WEEKLY NOTICES:**

### **THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

**will be held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

**at 7.30 p.m. in the Church**

All Church Members are invited to attend. Apologies for non-attendance and Any Other Business should be notified in advance to the PCC Secretary, [paul@stnicolascrsanleigh.org.uk](mailto:paul@stnicolascrsanleigh.org.uk); Tel: 548824

**ACCOMODATION** Jijo and Anju are a lovely young couple that arrived in Cranleigh last year. Jijo works as a care assistant at Cedar Court, and Anju works their part-time as well while also pursuing studies. Because of the very happy news that Anju is pregnant they are in need of new accommodation, and they would greatly appreciate your help! Have you, or has someone you know accommodation available, please contact them directly at 07909259106 or via email at [anju95varghese@gmail.com](mailto:anju95varghese@gmail.com)

**TEENAGERS GROUP** meets again this Sunday at 5pm in the church rooms. Join us for table football, pool, drinks, snacks and discussion. For more information contact Erik [erik@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk](mailto:erik@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk)

**LITTLE NIC'S TODDLERS** has now finished for Easter, returning on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April. See you then!

**CRANLEIGH FOOD BANK DONATION POINT** We now have a donations basket for Cranleigh Food Bank in church. It can be found to your right as you enter the south door, underneath the leaflet shelf. No fresh produce or out of date/open items. Thank you

## **MEMORY LANE**

Due to Bank Holidays, there will be just one Memory Lane meeting in April & May. Those meetings will be on the 15<sup>th</sup> April when Carers will hear from Caroline from Surrey Coalition outlining the help and support for a range of disabilities.

That will be followed on the 20th May when Sarah Wood from Luminus Healthcare Surrey will give a talk entitled "Giving Carers a Voice".

*Memory Lane meets at 2.15pm on the 1st & 3rd Monday each month in the Cranleigh Arts Centre. If you would like fuller details please just call Memory Lane 01483 274398 or Email: [mamwild@aol.com](mailto:mamwild@aol.com)*

**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.

**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](mailto: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.







**Saturday 18th May**  
7pm in Church Rooms

**TICKETS AVAILABLE  
FROM CHURCH OFFICE  
OR SCAN:**



**TICKETS £10**  
**INCLUDING CHEESE AND WINE**



# DISCOVERY SERVICE

**Everyone Invited!**

We welcome you at 11.30am for 40 minutes of open discussions, worship and prayer on...

## *'Hidden Meanings'*

**Sunday 14th April:**  
**GRACE & FORGIVENESS**

**Sunday 28th April:**  
**COVENANT**

**Sunday 12th May:**  
**TEMPTATION**

**Sunday 26th May:**  
**ATONEMENT**

**Sunday 9th June:**  
**REDEMPTION**

**Sunday 23rd June:**  
**REPENTANCE**

**Sunday 14th July:**  
**SANCTIFICATION**

No discovery over the summer holidays. We return on Sunday 8th September

**What do you think?**



**What does the Bible say?**



**Saturday 15th June 2024  
8pm**



**Tickets £28 including refreshment now available from Cranleigh Arts Box Office. The concert will take place in St Nicolas Church.**



## **KEEP IN TOUCH:**

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

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