



St Nicolas Church, Cranleigh

2nd Sunday before Lent

Sunday 23rd February 2025

THIS WEEK:

Sunday 23rd February (2nd Sunday before Lent)

8am: Holy Communion (CW)

10am: Parish Communion

11.30am: Discovery Service

5pm: Lego Masters – Ignite Youth Group (in church rooms)

Monday 24th February

10am: Sewing and Knitting Group (in church rooms)

6pm: Prayers for Ukraine at the War Memorial Flagpole

Tuesday 25th February

12noon: Holy Communion (BCP)

Wednesday 26th February

9.30am: Toddler Praise (in church rooms)

3pm: Funeral Ann Wilson (Guildford Crematorium)

Thursday 27th February

10am: Time for Prayer - 30 minutes led prayer with themed music

Friday 28th February

10am: MU Communion

10am: Little Nic's Baby & Toddler Group (in church rooms)

Sunday 2nd March (Sunday next before Lent)

8am: Holy Communion (BCP)

10am: All Age Worship

5pm: Ignite (in church rooms)

6pm: Choral Communion

COLLECT:

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever.

or

Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord.

FIRST READINGS: *Genesis 2.4b-9, 15-end*

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground— then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, ‘You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.’

Then the Lord God said, ‘It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.’ So out of the ground the Lord

God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, 'This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.' Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

Revelation 4

After this I looked, and there in heaven a door stood open! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, 'Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.' At once I was in the spirit, and there in heaven stood a throne, with one seated on the throne! And the one seated there looks like jasper and cornelian, and around the throne is a rainbow that looks like an emerald. Around the throne are twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones are twenty-four elders, dressed in white robes, with golden crowns on their heads. Coming from the throne are flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and in front of the throne burn seven flaming torches, which are the seven spirits of God; and in front of the throne there is something like a sea of glass, like crystal. Around the throne, and on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with a face like a human face, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle. And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are

full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing they sing, 'Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God the Almighty, who was and is and is to come.'

And whenever the living creatures give glory and honour and thanks to the one who is seated on the throne, who lives for ever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives for ever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing, 'You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.'

GOSPEL READING: *Luke 8.22-25*

One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side of the lake.' So they put out, and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A gale swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. They went to him and woke him up, shouting, 'Master, Master, we are perishing!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. He said to them, 'Where is your faith?' They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?'

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND AS WE SEEK A NEW ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY:

Heavenly Father, shepherd of your Church, send us a faithful pastor to lead with wisdom, courage, and love, proclaiming your Gospel, celebrating the sacraments, and guiding your people in unity and truth. Strengthen your Church, we pray, and direct us in your ways; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

WEEKLY PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

Church and Christian Ministry:

- In the Anglican cycle of Prayer – Anglican Episcopal Church of Brazil
- In the Diocese – For our archdeacons Catharine and Martin
- In the Parish – For our local schools, children and staff as they return after the half-term break

National and World Affairs:

- For the continuation of the ceasefire between Israel and Hamas, for the safe return of hostages and for the delivery of aid to Palestine.
- For peace in the world, for an end to hostility in the Middle East, Ukraine and Russia and South Sudan.

Community and Family:

- For those who live in Barnfield and Kiln Copse
- For everyone working and volunteering with Aid Agencies

The Sick and those in Need:

- Helen Allen, Jane Bloss, Hazel Cherry, Claire Curry, Val Davies, Jean Dodd, Tricia Hislop, Jack Lewis, Jean Quallington, Valerie Spears, Val, Jeremy Watts, Sylvia Wright, Muriel Young
- *(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, Sheila McSorley, Mo, Judy Murdoch, Libby O'Brien, Brian Pettyfer, Sheelagh Poole, Ron 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 Joyce Debenham, Janet Lillywhite, Ann Wilson.

WEEKLY NOTICES:

CONGRATULATIONS TO GABRIELLE AND PHIL who were married on Monday 17th February!



CONFIRMATION CLASSES If you or your child would like to make a deeper commitment to the Christian faith, why not join for our confirmation classes that will start just after Easter? Or if you'd just like to explore questions around faith but are not quite sure yet if you'd like to do confirmation, you are most welcome to come along as well! We are planning sessions for teenagers (Wednesday evening 7pm) and for adults (Tuesday evening 8pm), and the Confirmation service is planned for Sunday 15th of June at 3pm. Contact Erik@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk for more information.

MEN'S GROUP The next meeting of our Men's Group is this time on a Saturday Morning, the 8th of March! We will meet at 7.30am at Newlands Corner and go for a walk to St Martha's on the Hill, and then back for breakfast at The Plucky Pheasant at 9am. You are welcome to join for the walk, breakfast or both! The expectation is that everyone will pay for themselves, but please let me know if you would struggle to afford it and we'll sort something out, as we really want to keep our Men's Group as accessible to everyone as we possibly can. RSVP by Wed 5th March to Erik (erik@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk), as we will have to pass on numbers to The Plucky Pheasant.

QUIZ NIGHT Saturday 22nd March (Please do buy your tickets as soon as possible, either from the church office or after Sunday services. We are not able to offer alternatives to fish and chips. Anyone who doesn't want fish and chips may bring their own food and make a discounted contribution for their ticket.

LENT 2025 - 'Christ and the Chocolaterie' – a 5 week course for Lent. starting on Wednesday 12th March at 6.00pm in the Church. The course is inspired by the film 'Chocolat', starring Juliette Binoche and Johnny Depp, which as a starting point explores issues about God, the world and what it means to be human. Each session includes

extracts from the film, discussion questions, exercises and meditations using related Bible passages.

A showing of the film will take place in Church on the afternoon of Sunday 9th March from 3.00pm. The film runs for 2 hours.

Sign-up sheet will be at the Church cross aisle each Sunday or contact Nicola in the office, email: nicola@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk

PALM CROSSES Please can you bring your last years palm crosses to church so that they can be burned to provide the ash for our Ash Wednesday service.

EASTER FLOWERS The Flower Team invite you to contribute financially to the Easter Flowers in Church. You can put money in an envelope, marked Easter Flowers, into the offering or to Nicola in the Church Office. Thank you.

VOLUNTEER CHURCH CLEANER NEEDED A volunteer is needed for polishing the brass in church .This is a task that can be done regularly at any time . Please contact Celia on 548824 if you can help .

TODDLER PRAISE We are delighted to have a thriving toddler praise group on Wednesdays, 9.30am in the church rooms. With the increase in children attending, we would love an additional volunteer to help Ann in these sessions. Please let Nicola know if you can help nicola@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk

LITTLE NIC'S TODDLERS We are on the lookout for more volunteers for our Parents, Babies and Toddlers group on Friday morning please. It involves helping to set out the toys and activities, making and serving coffee and drinks, engaging with parents and children and helping to clear up afterwards. It doesn't have to be a weekly commitment as we can add you to a rota but we'd love to have some more people on board. Plus it's fun!!

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 for more information



DONATIONS: You can make an online donation in support of church funds by visiting the [website](#), clicking on the red button or scanning the QR code.



St
NICOLAS
CRANLEIGH



QUIZ
NIGHT

with Fish & Chip Supper
Bring your own drinks

Saturday, 22nd March

6.30pm St Nicolas Church Rooms

Teams of up to 6 people

TICKETS £10

Tickets available from the Church office and at Sunday Services



YOUR FETE NEEDS

YOU

SATURDAY 12th JULY 2025

Our annual Rectory Fete is a fun (church) family event and an important part of our annual fund raising for the work of the church but cannot happen without your help.

- Do you have ideas for new things we could try? New stalls? New entertainment?
- Would you like to get involved in the planning and preparations?
- Could you run, or help run, a stall or game
- Have you done the same thing for many years and would like to try something different?
- Can you help with the physical set-up on the Friday before and tear-down after we finish on Saturday?

If you would like to be involved, please contact me either in person, by e mail, richardctuck@btinternet.com or 07488593446.

Save the date, see you there.
Thank you, Richard Tuck

KEEP IN TOUCH:

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

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Curate - Revd Erik Heemsker (*Day off: Monday*)

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Administrator – Nicola Craven-Smith

(Works Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9.30am-1pm)

Tel: 01483 273620. Email: nicola@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk

Young People's Ministry – Claire Jones

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Safeguarding Officer – Brian Boxall

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Or for Safeguarding emergencies phone the Rector

Diocesan Safeguarding Team

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Church Website: www.stnicolascranleigh.org.uk

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!