



**St Nicolas Church, Cranleigh**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Lent**

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

**THIS WEEK:**

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Lent)**

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

**10am: Parish Communion**

**11.30am: Discovery**

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February**

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

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February**

**10am: Elmbridge Morning Service**

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

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February**

**9.30am: Toddler Praise (in Church Rooms)**

**10am: MU AGM (in Church Rooms)**

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February**

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

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February**

**10am: Little Nic's Baby and Toddler Group (in Church Rooms)**

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Lent)**

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

**10am: All Age Communion**

**6pm: Said Evensong with Hymns**

## **COLLECT:**

O God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*or*

Lord of the hosts of heaven, our salvation and our strength, without you we are lost: guard us from all that harms or hurts and raise us when we fall; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **FIRST READING: 1 Corinthians 15.1-11**

Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

## **GOSPEL READING:** *Luke 5.1-11*

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER:**

Go before us, Lord, in all we do with your most gracious favour, and guide us with your continual help, that in all our works begun, continued and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name, and finally by your mercy receive everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

# WEEKLY PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

## Church and Christian Ministry:

- In the Anglican cycle of Prayer – The Anglican Church of Australia
- In the Diocese – the Diocesan Safeguarding Team, led by Jackie Broadfoot
- In the Parish – Our Parish Safeguarding Officer, Brian Boxall and PCC Liaison, Bryn Jones

## 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. And for stability in Syria
- For all affected by natural disasters

## Community and Family:

- For those who live in Parsonage Road
- For the staff and students of Glebelands School
- For Judy Wedderspoon as she is licensed as an LLM in the Episcopal Church of Scotland today

## The Sick and those in Need:

- Helen Allen, Jane Bloss, 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 Marie Bailey, Amy Loveless, Ann Wilson.

# WEEKLY NOTICES:

## LENT 2025 - 'Christ and the Chocolaterie' – a 5 week course for Lent.

You are invited to 5 sessions in the weeks following Ash Wednesday, starting on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 6.00pm in the Church. Depending on numbers wishing to attend, a session also may be in Church on a Wednesday afternoon from 2.30pm. Each session will run for an hour and a quarter.

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.

To get the most from the course you are encouraged to watch the film in its entirety. Consequently, a showing of the film will take place in Church on the afternoon of Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March from 3.00pm. The film runs for 2hours.

### The Programme

Session 1 – Giving Up – the prelude to change

Session 2 – Giving Out – the power of a gift

Session 3 – Getting Wise – the possibility of change

Session 4 – Getting Real – the power of acceptance

Session 5 – Growing Up – the process of change

Do sign up on a sign-up sheet that will be at the Church cross aisle each Sunday or by contact to Nicola in the office, email:

[nicola@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk](mailto:nicola@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk)

**AMY LOVELESS** died on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January, having been extremely well cared for at Red Oaks Care Home. Her daughter Avril has shared the following information about her funeral

Amy Loveless' Funeral ~ Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February at 15.30



Woodvale South Chapel  
Woodvale Crematorium, Lewes Road, Brighton, BN2 3QB

<https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/woodvale-crematorium-and-cemeteries/woodvale-crematorium>

The service will be streamed live and on demand for 28 days

Website: <https://watch.obitus.com>

Username: jure0736

Password: 565728

The family warmly invite you to join them for Afternoon Tea at The Grand Hotel, Brighton in memory of our mother and grandmother. Maps and parking details will be given on the day.

**NEWS FROM JUDY WEDDERSPOON** On Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February, I will be licensed by +John Armes, the Bishop of Edinburgh as a Licensed Lay Reader at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Murrayfield. The fact of my being 83 does not seem to matter to the Scottish Episcopal Church! I'm very grateful still to be able to contribute to the life of the church. The Rector, Canon Dean Fostekew, and the congregation have been

very welcoming and supportive since my arrival about 18 months ago. I'm looking forward to being part of the ministry team.

**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.

**IGNITE GROUP FOR TEENS** Any teenagers (including tweenagers) are very welcome to join us for our regular teenager events! We meet twice a month at the Church Rooms between 5 and 6pm on a Sunday night. We alternate the evenings between Ignite Thinks and Ignite Plays. Ignite Thinks are evenings when we spend about half an hour reflecting on a difficult theme in the Bible, followed by snacks, table tennis, pool, and other games for about 30 minutes. Ignite Plays has about 40-50 minutes of fun followed by 10 minutes of reflection. If you or your child is interested in joining, please send [erik@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk](mailto:erik@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk) to sign up or ask any questions!

Upcoming Events:

- 23 February 2025s: LegoMasters Event
- 02 March 2025: Why does the Bible talk about Covenant so much?
- 16 March 2025: Let's Get Dramatic (Drama Workshop)
- 06 April 2025: What does Jesus achieve on the cross?

**PREPARATION OF NEW ELECTORAL ROLL** Every six years we are required to produce a new electoral roll for the church. This means that anyone who is currently on the electoral roll needs to complete a new form, as well as anyone who is wishing to register for the first time. Our new electoral roll will be prepared for the APCM on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025. Forms can be picked up from the church office, or from the back of church, and returned to us (either in person to Margie at Sunday services, to the Church office, or by posting into the donations box in church) by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025. If you have any questions contact Margie on [stnicnot@gmail.com](mailto:stnicnot@gmail.com) or 01483 273693.

**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!!

### **Community Health & Wellbeing Event – Cranleigh Villages Group**

On January 24th, 2025, the Cranleigh Villages Group hosted a packed community event at Cranleigh Baptist Church to discuss improving health and wellbeing for the 33,000 residents across Cranleigh, Ewhurst, Dunsfold, and Alfold. The event brought together local NHS providers, community groups, and Councillors, all eager to create a healthier, more connected community.

The group launched a Health and Wellbeing Survey to identify local needs and gaps in services.

Why It Matters:

- Help shape future health services in the area
- Address community issues like isolation, mental health, and wellbeing
- Encourage collaboration between local communities and statutory services

We Need Your Input!

The Cranleigh Villages Group wants to hear from you! Fill out the Health and Wellbeing Survey to help guide future services and ensure our community's health needs are met.

**Take the Survey Here**

Together, we can make Cranleigh Villages a healthier, more connected place to live!

**HABERDASHERY AND CRAFT ITEMS NEEDED** After a successful day of sales at the Rectory Fete last year, we need to build up our stock again!



If you are clearing out and have any haberdashery or crafting items we would be pleased to take these off your hands! Donations can be brought to the church office, or to the Monday sewing and knitting group. Thank you. Jane Etherington.

**RE-GIFTING ITEMS** also needed! New items, ideally in original packaging, suitable for people to buy as gifts. No Bric-A-Brac. Items can be brought to the Church office. Thank you.



**RIDE 4 A WOMAN** Our donation to Ride 4 A Woman has been used to support a girl called Promise to go to school. They have shared this picture of Promise with her supplies, before starting her new course last Monday.

**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:** 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.





# 2025 Events

Join us for a fun-packed year of events here at St Nicolas

	<b>Quiz Night</b> 6.30pm in Church Rooms		<b>The Rector Entertains</b> Organ and Piano recital 3pm in the Church
	<b>Rectory Fete</b> 11am in the Rectory Garden		<b>Harvest Lunch</b> 12noon in the Church Rooms
	<b>Picnic in the Park</b> 5pm in the Rectory Garden		<b>The Queen's Six</b> concert 8pm in Church
	<b>Heritage Day</b> 10am in the Church		<b>Christmas Tree Festival</b> 10-5pm 4th-8th December

For more information contact  
[nicola@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk](mailto:nicola@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk) / 273620



**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

## **KEEP IN TOUCH:**

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

Tel: 01483 800655. Email: [roy@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk](mailto:roy@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk)

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

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**Administrator – Nicola Craven-Smith**

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

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**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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*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!*