



St Nicolas Church, Cranleigh
Presentation of Christ in the Temple
Sunday 2nd February 2025

THIS WEEK:

Sunday 2nd February (Presentation of Christ in the Temple)

8am: Holy Communion (BCP)

10am: All Age Worship

12noon: Baptism of Freddie Povey

6pm: Choral Communion

Monday 3rd February

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

Tuesday 4th February

10am: Elmbridge Communion

12noon: Holy Communion (BCP)

Wednesday 5th February

9.30am: Toddler Praise (in church rooms)

2pm: Cedar Court Communion

Thursday 6th February

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

Friday 7th February

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

1.30pm: Funeral of Felicity Isaac (Roman Catholic Church)

Sunday 9th February (4th Sunday before Lent)

8am: Holy Communion (CW)

10am: Parish Communion

11.30am: Discovery

CHOIR ANTHEM FOR CHORAL COMMUNION

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace: according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation: which thou hast prepared before the face of all people.

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father: and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Luke 2:29-32

COLLECT:

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by 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

Lord Jesus Christ, light of the nations and glory of Israel: make your home among us, and present us pure and holy to your heavenly Father, your God, and our God.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION:

Hear the words of our Saviour Jesus Christ:

‘I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me shall never walk in darkness but shall have the light of life.’

Let us therefore bring our sins into his light and confess them in penitence and faith.

FIRST READING: *Malachi 3:1-5*

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years. Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

GOSPEL READING: *Luke 2.22-40*

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your

salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.’ And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, ‘This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.’ There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

INTRODUCTION TO THE PEACE:

In the tender mercy of our God the dayspring from on high has broken upon us, to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

SEASONAL PREFACE:

It is indeed right and good,
always and everywhere to give you thanks and praise
through Jesus Christ, who is one with you from all eternity.
For on this day he appeared in the temple
in substance of our flesh
to come near to us in judgement.
He searches the hearts of all your people
and brings to light the image of your splendour.

Your servant Simeon acclaimed him as the light to lighten the nations
while Anna spoke of him to all who looked for your redemption.
Destined for the falling and rising of many,
he was lifted high upon the cross
and a sword of sorrow pierced his mother's heart
when by his sacrifice he made our peace with you.
And now we rejoice and glorify your name
that we, too, have seen your salvation
and join with angels and archangels
in their unending hymn of praise:

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome
the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words,
prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

BLESSING

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary, fill you with his grace to trust his
promises and obey his will; and the blessing . . .

WEEKLY PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

Church and Christian Ministry:

- In the Anglican cycle of Prayer – The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia
- In the Diocese – For all training for ordained ministry on the Local Ministry Programme and the Caleb Pathway
- In the Parish – for Claire Oxborough and Sue Tresman as they train for ministry

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 the wildfires around Los Angeles

Community and Family:

- For those who live in Norther Lane and Restwell Avenue
- For our Archbishops and Bishops

The Sick and those in Need:

- Helen Allen, Jane Bloss, Claire Curry, Val Davies, Jean Dodd, Tricia Hislop, Jack Lewis, Jean Quallington, 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, Amy Loveless, 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 Mary Bailey and Felicity Isaac

WEEKLY NOTICES:

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 30th 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 31st March 2025. If you have any questions contact Margie on stnicnot@gmail.com or 01483 273693.

FELICITY ISAAC FUNERAL Felicity Isaac was a former member of Cranleigh MU and was at one time Branch Leader. She later became a Roman Catholic. I have been asked to let you know that her Funeral will be on Friday 7th February at 1.30pm at the Church of Jesus Christ Redeemer of Mankind. I am also asked to warn you that parking can be very difficult near the church!

OPEN THE BOOK THIS WEEK...

Monday - rehearsal at Church Rooms

Thursday- story of Samuel at St Cuthbert Mayne

Please pray for our rehearsal as a time of fellowship and as a constructive session, and for the children and staff watching our assembly on Thursday.

If you are interested in Open the Book, please contact Steff on Steff.shepherd@biblesociety.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!!

MENS GROUP Our Men's Group meets once a month to share food, enjoy social time together and have good conversations together! Our next meeting is Friday 7th of February at 7pm! This time we'll be hosted by Mike who is providing us with a Lasagna a la Springfields (let us know if you have any allergies/dietary requirements). Please do let erik@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk know if you'd like to have more information and if you want to sign up. Each night we have about 15-20 men of all ages, so whatever your age, you will be very welcome!

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 this Spring? 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! Contact Erik@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk for more information.

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.

MEMORY LANE The next meeting of Memory Lane will be at 2.15pm on Monday 3rd February in the Cranleigh Arts Centre, followed by a "Walk In The Park" Monday at 10.30am the 10th February.
Memory Lane is held on the 1st & 3rd Monday from 2.15pm until 4.15pm when visitors will be welcome to join the 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.





2025 Events

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

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

For more information contact
nicola@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk / 273620



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*)

Tel: 01483 800655. Email: roy@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk

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

Tel: 07368 871589. Email: erik@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk

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!