



**St Nicolas Church, Cranleigh**

**Palm Sunday**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

**THIS WEEK:**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March (Palm Sunday)**

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

**10am: Parish Communion**

**11.30am: Discovery Service**

**6.30pm: Our choir will be joining the choirs of St James, Shere for a musical celebration of Holy Week (*at St James, Shere - see Notices*)**

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March (The Monday in Holy Week)**

**10am: Sewing Group (St Andrews Room) All welcome!**

**6pm: Music and Words for Holy Week**

**8pm: Easter Story in the Three Horseshoes Snug Bar**

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March (The Tuesday in Holy Week)**

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

**4pm: Messy Church (in the Church Rooms)**

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March (The Wednesday in Holy Week)**

**10am: Toddler Praise (*at Methodist Church*)**

**6pm: Compline and Address sung by the men of our choir**

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March (Maundy Thursday)**

**10am: \*\*\* NO Time for Prayer \*\*\***

**11am: The Eucharist with Blessing of the Oils and Renewal of Ordination Vows (*at Guildford Cathedral – all welcome*)**

**6pm: Choral Communion with Feet Washing**

**7pm: Quiet Vigil until 8.30pm**

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March (Good Friday)**

**9.45am: Short Sung Morning Prayer**

**10.30am: Walk of Witness to Stocklund Square**  
**10.45am: Ecumenical Service of Witness at Stocklund Square**  
**12noon: Three Hour Service of Devotion (*See Notices*)**

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March (Holy Saturday)**

**7pm: Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion of Easter**  
**(*See Notices*)**

**Live Stream: <https://youtube.com/live/II-6CLY-4aA>**

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March (Easter Sunday)**

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

**10am: Family Communion**

***followed by Easter Egg Hunt in the Churchyard***

**6pm: Festival Choral Evensong**

**Choir Anthem for Maundy Thursday Choral Communion**

Drop, drop, slow tears, and bathe those beauteous feet,  
which brought from heaven the news and Prince of Peace:  
cease not, wet eyes, his mercies to entreat;  
to cry for vengeance sin doth never cease.  
In your deep floods drown all my faults and fears;  
nor let his eye see sin, but through my tears.

*Phineas Fletcher*

**COLLECT:**

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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

True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory.

## **INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

God shows his love for us in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Let us then show our love for him by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

### **FIRST READING:** *Philippians 2.5-11*

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

### **GOSPEL READING:** *John 12.12-16*

The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting,

‘Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—the King of Israel!’

Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written:

‘Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a

donkey's colt!'

His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.

## **INTRODUCTION TO THE PEACE**

Once we were far off, but now in union with Christ Jesus we have been brought near through the shedding of Christ's blood, for he is our peace.

## **SEASONAL PREFACE**

It is indeed right and just,  
our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For as the time of his passion and resurrection draws near  
the whole world is called to acknowledge his hidden majesty.

The power of the life-giving cross  
reveals the judgement that has come upon the world  
and the triumph of Christ crucified.

He is the victim who dies no more,  
the lamb once slain, who lives for ever,  
our advocate in heaven to plead our cause,  
exalting us there to join with angels and archangels,  
for ever praising you and *saying*:

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER:**

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father.

# BLESSING

Christ crucified draw you to himself, to find in him a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven; and the blessing . . .

## WEEKLY PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

### Church and Christian Ministry:

- In the Anglican cycle of Prayer – The Church of the Province of West Africa
- In the Diocese – for Archdeacon Catharine as she settles into her new role as Archdeacon of Surrey
- In the Parish – for all those preparing to be baptised and confirmed at Easter

### 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 Bridge Road and Hesketh Close
- For the United Nations and their work to maintain peace and security.

### The Sick and those in Need:

- Jane Bloss, Pam Cheeseman, Claire Curry, Anne Dulley, Tricia Hislop, Sandra Keeping, 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 Bishop Michael Adie (former bishop of Guildford) and Leslie Mynard.

## **WEEKLY NOTICES:**

**JOURNEYING THROUGH HOLY WEEK** There are many opportunities for you to share in the journey of Holy Week, with the rich variety of worship which will happen in St Nicolas and elsewhere during the week (please see front page for full list).

There are three particular, and exceptional things happening, which you are warmly encouraged to share in, in addition to the regular worship:

**Palm Sunday Evening** at 6.30pm – our choir will be joining the choir of St James, Shere (at Shere) for a service of **Words and Music for Holy Week**.

**Good Friday** – after the morning worship in church and in Stocklund Square, our rector will be leading this year's **Three Hour Service of Devotion**. In the first and third hours, he will be helping us to unfold the passion narratives and themes of St John's Gospel, while the middle hour will be a time of music and poetry for Good Friday.

**Easter Eve** – **Service of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion**. Our wonderful group of adults and young people who have been preparing throughout Lent, are to be Confirmed (and four of them baptised) by Bishop Peter, following on from a celebration of the Easter Ceremonies. This is the first time (certainly in living memory) that we have held a full-immersion

baptism in St Nicolas, and it promises to be a memorable and moving experience! Please do try to be there to support our candidates if you possibly can!

**AN IONA EXPERIENCE – JOURNEYING IN THE STEPS OF ST COLUMBA** Roy is organising another trip to Iona in 2025. The dates are 3<sup>rd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> September and he will need to hear from those who would like to come, by the end of the week after Easter. For more information, please email Roy.

**THE ELECTORAL ROLL** has to be updated for the APCM on 12th April. Anyone wishing to be added should complete an application form (forms are at the back of the Church).

if you are not sure of anything you should contact Margie Nursey on 273693 or email: stnicnot@googlemail.com

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

**COMPANION/CLEANER REQUIRED** to support a 94 year-old lady in Cranleigh who is part of our wider church community. Light duties, mornings preferred, although there is flexibility for the ideal candidate. £15 per hour. Please contact Rosie Hector on 07721731589 for more information.

**WINTERSHALL'S PASSION OF JESUS** takes place in Trafalgar Square on Good Friday - 29th of March (performances at 12 noon and 3:15 pm). This is FREE for everyone, no tickets are required! You can also watch the livestream via [facebook.com/Wintershallplay](https://facebook.com/Wintershallplay)

**CAR PARK MACHINE UPDATE** ECP have updated our system to 'pay on arrival' rather than 'pay on exit'. If you are a church user who is exempt from paying then you do not need to do anything. If you wish to pay for your parking session then please do so on arrival either at the machine, or by one of the car parking apps.

**REGIFTING STALL – RECTORY FETE** Sue and Katherine will be running the regifting stall again this year.

We do need some stock please and would welcome your contributions of unwanted gifts. They must be new and in their original, unopened packaging. We would like to stress that this is not a bric-a-brac stall and cannot accept those kinds of items.

Gifts can be left in the office or contact Sue or Katherine for collection.

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Thank you!

**PHOTO BOARD** – Would anyone like to help with keeping our church photo board up to date? This is the board by the font that has our team pictures in and only needs updating a few times a year. Please contact Nicola in the office if you can help.

**RUNNER BEANS** Would you like me to grow a pot of Runner Bean plants for you to plant out in your garden? 10 plants £3 ,6 for £2.40. Ready mid to late May. Orders to Win Bracking 275573. I can deliver. All proceeds to Plant Stall/ Rectory Fete.

**PERENNIALS** Please don't forget me if you are dividing yours. Watch out for sales at my gate in Kings Road.

**BOWLS** If you have any unwanted plastic bowls (6" or 12" approx in diameter) I would welcome them so that I can plant them up with miniature daffodils for sale next Spring. Thank you, Win Bracking

### **ENTER CRANLEIGH ROTARY'S SPRING QUIZ**

We are delighted to announce that Cranleigh Rotary's ever-popular annual quiz will take place in the Village Hall at 7 p.m. on Friday, 12 April. We are inviting entries from teams who have previously entered our quiz, as well as newcomers.



The teams can be made up of 4-6 people, with a cost of £6 per person. Teams wanting to enter should contact David Barry [dlbarry@btinternet.com](mailto:dlbarry@btinternet.com) or go to the [cranleighrotary.org.uk/](http://cranleighrotary.org.uk/)

Please return your entry form early to ensure your place, as the number of tables is limited.

There will also be a raffle, and all profits from the event will go to various local charities and organisations supported by Cranleigh Rotary.

Please bring your own refreshments.

### **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 20<sup>th</sup> 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.



# HOLY WEEK SERVICES

## SUN 24th MARCH - PALM SUNDAY

- 8.00am **Holy Communion**  
10.00am **Parish Communion**  
11.30am **Discovery - informal, contemporary worship service**

## MON 25th MARCH

- 6.00pm **Words and Music for Holy Week**  
8.00pm **Easter Story in the Three Horseshoes snug bar**

## TUES 26th MARCH

- 12noon **Holy Communion**  
4.00pm **Messy Church at Easter for children and their adults**  
(booking essential)

## WED 27th MARCH

- 6.00pm **Compline and Address sung by the men of our choir**

## MAUNDY THURSDAY

- 6.00pm **Choral Communion with Feet Washing**  
7.00pm **Quiet vigil until 8.30pm**

## GOOD FRIDAY

- 9.45am **Short Sung Morning Prayer**  
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# 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



## **KEEP IN TOUCH:**

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

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