



**St Nicolas Church, Cranleigh**  
**Sunday next before Lent**  
**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2025**

**THIS WEEK:**

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

**10am: All Age Worship**

**5pm: Ignite (in church rooms)**

**6pm: Choral Communion**

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

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

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March**

**10am: Elmbridge Communion**

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

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March – Ash Wednesday**

**9.30am: Toddler Praise (in church rooms)**

**10am: Mothers Union - Music and Words for Lent (in church)**

**2pm: Cedar Court Communion**

**6pm: Choral Communion with Ashes**

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March**

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

**5pm: Compline**

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March**

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

**10.30am: Ecumenical Day of Prayer service**

**5pm: Compline**

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent)**

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

**10am: Parish Communion**

**11.30am: Discovery**

**3pm: Screening of 'Chocolat'**

**COLLECT:**

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*or*

Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**FIRST READINGS: 2 *Corinthians* 3.12-4.2**

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's

word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

## **GOSPEL READING:** *Luke 9.28-36*

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, ‘Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah’—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, ‘This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!’ When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER:**

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask 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 – The Anglican Church of Burundi
- In the Diocese – for the staff of Church House as they move to their new premises
- In the Parish – for Nicola, our Parish Administrator

## **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 Amlets Lane and Russet Grove
- For staff and students of St Joseph's School

## **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
- *(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 Phyllis Belmore, Joyce Debenham, Janet Lillywhite.

## WEEKLY NOTICES:

**THANK YOU** I want to give a great big 'Thank You' to everyone who gave me lifts to the Royal Surrey Hospital, waited and brought me home after my 10 days of treatment. Also, thank you to the St Nicolas MU for their lovely card. Val Watts

**LADIES EVENING** Ladies, you are invited to join us at The Richard Onslow at 7pm on the 7th March for supper. This is a different day from the men's social event this month.

If you are interested please let Petula Sole know on 07799448311 or [petula.sole@btinternet.com](mailto:petula.sole@btinternet.com) by Tuesday, 4th March so that she can confirm numbers with the restaurant.

**COMPLINE FOR LENT.** Lent is a season for preparing, for giving up things and for taking on new things so we can grow in our relationship with God. Whatever way we observe Lent, prayer ought to be at the heart of our journey. So, for the season of Lent (except for Holy Week when there will be lots of other things on) we are going to have a Compline service on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 5pm. In monasteries, compline was the last service of the day, it is a lovely short and reflective service, and it's by some described as 'the liturgical equivalent of being tucked into bed' (though instead of bed you may prefer dinner first!). In this service we will read through (most of) the Book of Exodus, and every day will have its own Psalm. Tuesdays (Psalm 130), Thursday (Psalm 51) because they are appropriate penitential psalms, and Friday Psalm 22 so we can be reminded every Friday of Christ's suffering, as Jesus prays this psalm on the cross, My God, My God, Why have you forsaken me? No need to sign up, young and old are all welcome to just turn up at the church, or do this at home (ask Erik for the reading plan if you'd like it).

**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 15<sup>th</sup> of June at 3pm. Contact [Erik@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk](mailto: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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> March to Erik ([erik@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk](mailto:erik@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk)), as we will have to pass on numbers to The Plucky Pheasant.

**QUIZ NIGHT** Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**OPEN THE BOOK** are taking the story of David and Goliath into both Park Mead and Cuthbert Mayne schools this week. Please pray for the 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.

**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.

**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](mailto: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!!

**MEMORY LANE** had light-hearted fun last month with 'Nooky' the bear. He was bought along by Peter who performed his Ventriloquist Act in the "Joy in Music" which Memory Lane presented in the Village Hall last year. The meeting of Carers on the 3rd March will be quite a contrast, as Catherine Johnson a VASWS Social Prescribing Link Worker discusses the help she can arrange for people experiencing dementia. The ML 'Walk in the Park' follows at 10.30am on Monday the 10th March with the final meeting at 2.15pm in the Arts Centre on Monday 17th March.

**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.





## CHRIST AND THE CHOCOLATERIE

*Inspired by the film 'Chocolat'*

EXPLORING ISSUES ABOUT GOD, THE WORLD  
AND WHAT IT IS TO BE HUMAN

**Sunday 9th March, 3pm:  
Showing of the film in Church**

*followed by Wednesdays at 2.30pm and 6pm*

- 12th March – Giving Up – *the prelude to change*
- 19th March – Giving Out – *the power of a gift*
- 26th March – Getting Wise – *the possibility of change*
- 2nd April – Getting Real – *the power of acceptance*
- 9th April – Growing Up – *the process of change*

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE: [NICOLA@STNICOLASCRANLEIGH.ORG.UK](mailto:NICOLA@STNICOLASCRANLEIGH.ORG.UK)





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**NICOLAS**  
CRANLEIGH

A central graphic featuring a neon triangle with a cyan outline and a magenta inner border. The word "QUIZ" is written in large, white, block letters across the top of the triangle, and "NIGHT" is written in a smaller, cyan, cursive font below it. Four glowing question marks are scattered around the triangle.

**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](mailto: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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*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!*