



St Nicolas Church, Cranleigh

2nd Sunday of Lent

Sunday 16th March 2025

THIS WEEK:

Sunday 16th March (2nd Sunday of Lent)

8am: Holy Communion (BCP)

10am: All Age Communion

6pm: Choral Evensong

Monday 17th March

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

Tuesday 18th March

10am: Elmbridge Holy Communion

12noon: Holy Communion (BCP)

5pm: Compline

Wednesday 19th March

9.30am: Toddler Praise (in church rooms)

2.30pm: Lent Course in Church

2.30pm: Knowle Park Communion

6pm: Lent Course in Church

Thursday 20th March

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

5pm: Compline

Friday 21st March

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

11am: Interment of Ashes of Dorothy Reed

5pm: Compline

Saturday 22nd March

6.30pm: Quiz Night (in church rooms)

Sunday 23rd March (3rd Sunday of Lent)

8am: Holy Communion (CW)

10am: Parish Communion

11.30am: Discovery

ANTHEM FOR CHORAL EVENSONG:

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness, and forgive me all my sin.
For I acknowledge my faults, and my sin is ever before me.

Psalm 51:2-3

COLLECT:

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

or

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION:

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart God will not despise.
Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion,
and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith

FIRST READINGS: *Philippians 3.17-4.1*

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you

even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. herefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

GOSPEL READING: *Luke 13.31-end*

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, ‘Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.’ He said to them, ‘Go and tell that fox for me, “Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem.” Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, “Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.” ’

INTRODUCTION TO THE PEACE :

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us access to his grace.

SEASONAL PREFACE:

It is indeed right and good
to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.

For in these forty days you lead us into the desert of repentance
that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline

we may grow in grace and learn to be your people once again.
Through fasting, prayer and acts of service
you bring us back to your generous heart.
Through study of your holy word
you open our eyes to your presence in the world
and free our hands to welcome others
into the radiant splendour of your love.
As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast
with joyful hearts and minds
we bless you for your mercy
and join with saints and angels
for ever praising you and *saying:*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

BLESSING:

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; and the blessing . . .

POPE FRANCIS REFLECTS FROM HIS HOSPITAL BED:

This is very powerful and really worth reading and sharing:

"The walls of hospitals have heard more honest prayers than churches...

- ***They have witnessed far more sincere kisses than those in airports...***
- ***It is in hospitals that you see a homophobe being saved by a gay doctor.***
- ***A privileged doctor saving the life of a beggar...***

- *In intensive care, you see a Jew taking care of a racist...*
- *A police officer and a prisoner in the same room receiving the same care...*
- *A wealthy patient waiting for a liver transplant, ready to receive the organ from a poor donor...*

It is in these moments, when the hospital touches the wounds of people, that different worlds intersect according to a divine design. And in this communion of destinies, we realize that alone, we are nothing.

The absolute truth of people, most of the time, only reveals itself in moments of pain or in the real threat of an irreversible loss.

A hospital is a place where human beings remove their masks and show themselves as they truly are, in their purest essence.

This life will pass quickly, so...

- *Do not waste it fighting with people.*
- *Do not criticize your body too much.*
- *Do not complain excessively.*
- *Do not lose sleep over bills.*
- *Make sure to hug your loved ones.*
- *Do not worry too much about keeping the house spotless.*
- *Material goods must be earned by each person—do not dedicate yourself to accumulating an inheritance.*

You are waiting for too much: Christmas, Friday, next year, when you have money, when love arrives, when everything is perfect...

Listen, perfection does not exist.

A human being cannot attain it because we are simply not made to be fulfilled here.

Here, we are given an opportunity to learn.

So, make the most of this trial of life—and do it now.

Respect yourself, respect others. Walk your own path, and let go of the path others have chosen for you.

Respect: do not comment, do not judge, do not interfere.

Love more, forgive more, embrace more, live more intensely!

And leave the rest in the hands of the Creator."

WEEKLY PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

Church and Christian Ministry:

- In the Anglican cycle of Prayer – The Church of the Province of Central Africa
- In the Diocese – for the staff of Church House Guildford, currently working from home as the move to the new Church House on Stag Hill is completed
- In the Parish – for our Social team, praying for a fun and successful quiz night this weekend

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 those working to avoid an ecological disaster after the collision, fire and fuel spillage in the North Sea
- 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 Coatham Place and Littlewood
- For our Prime Minister, Sir Keir Starmer, and his government

The Sick and those in Need:

- Helen Allen, Jane Bloss, Hazel Cherry, Claire Curry, Val Davies, Jean Dodd, Tricia Hislop, Jack Lewis, Patrick, 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 Pat Bennett, David MacLaren, Timothy Pearson.

WEEKLY NOTICES:

LAST CHANCE TO BUY QUIZ TICKETS Don't miss out! Sunday 16th is your last opportunity to get tickets for our Quiz Evening with Fish & Chip Supper

RECTORY FETE Preparations are well underway for our Rectory Fete which is a fun family and community event we hold each year and an important source of funds for our church. We have The Horsham Brass Band coming back again this year, and a different steam engine!

But without people to run the stalls it will not be the success that it has been in past years.

At this time we have no one to run the following stalls / games:-

- **The raffle (Must be 18 plus)**
- **The Jewellery stall**
- **The Human Fruit machine.**
- **Splat the rat**

These stalls raised over £1600 last year, so if we cannot run them this year it will be a big loss.

Please contact Richard on 07488593446 or richardctuck@btinternet.com

BABY GRAND PIANO available. If you are interested please contact Caroline Bagot on 07811 255071 for more information. Buyer to collect.

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.

BOWLS OF BULBS AND PERENNIAL PLANTS Thank you to all those who bought my bowls of daffodils. I sold them all and that has given me a good float for the RECTORY FETE PLANT STALL. If you return the empty bowls to me, or if anyone has any of these small bowls, surplus to their requirements, I would welcome them so I can do the same next year. PERENNIALS will benefit from division at this time if you didn't do it in the autumn. I would love to have any hardy Geraniums, Japanese Anemones, Phlox, Rudbeckias, Echinacea, etc. Many thanks in advance.
Win Bracking (275573)

CRANLEIGH C OF E PRIMARY WILDLIFE FAIR



We had a great time at the school's wildlife fair on Friday, making bird cakes, planting bee-friendly flowers and drawing in the Eco Journal.



FLOWER FAIRIES ARE NEEDED AGAIN! Posy Making for Mothering Sunday will be on Saturday 29 March, 9.30 until 10.30 in church. Flowers provided, but greenery cut into short lengths would be welcome. Pop in for as long as you can, bring scissors or secateurs. Foliage can be left on Thursday 27th or Friday 28th in the buckets in Baynards Chapel. (Please be aware that MU

Communion is in church on 28th at 10.00). No experience needed. It is easy and fun to do! Barbara Pearson 273724

CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Two further cleaners are needed to join our church cleaning Team. One volunteer is required to Hoover and dust the church porch and font area on the week leading up to 4th Saturday. A second person is needed for hoovering church carpets on the week leading up to fifth Saturday in month which is only four times a year. Equipment is provided and the cleaning can be done at a time in the week that suits you. Please contact Celia Jenkins on 548824 if you feel able to help.

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. 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).

JEWELLERY DONATIONS If you have any jewellery that you would like to donate to the jewellery stall at this year's Rectory Fete, please bring to the office/youth 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

LITTLE NIC'S TODDLERS URGENT 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 The final meeting of the month is at 2.15pm in the Arts Centre on Monday 17th March.



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.



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Sunday 16 March

ECO FILM FESTIVAL

2.30 to 4.30pm St James' Church, Shere
A varied programme of short eco and sustainability themed films. Free admission.

6.30pm onwards: Shere Village Hall
(with the generous collaboration of Shere Village Cinema)



6.30pm doors open
7.00pm Guest speaker, Matt Phelps, Lead Ecologist of Knepp Estate
8.00pm film 'Wilding'
Tickets: <https://sherevillagecinema.com>

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A central graphic featuring the words 'QUIZ' in a large, white, sans-serif font and 'NIGHT' in a smaller, white, cursive font below it. This text is enclosed within a glowing neon triangle that has a cyan-to-magenta gradient. Four glowing question marks, also with a cyan-to-magenta gradient, are scattered around the triangle. The entire graphic is set against a dark blue background with a subtle grid pattern.

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*)

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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!