



St Nicolas Church, Cranleigh
3rd Sunday before Lent
Sunday 16th February 2025

THIS WEEK:

Sunday 16th February (3rd Sunday before Lent)

8am: Holy Communion (BCP)

10am: All Age Communion

6pm: Said Evensong with Hymns

Monday 17th February

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

Tuesday 18th February

10am: Elmbridge Communion

12noon: Holy Communion (BCP)

1.30pm: Funeral of Marie Bailey

Wednesday 19th February

2.30pm: Knowle Park Communion

Thursday 20th February

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

Sunday 23rd February (2nd Sunday before Lent)

8am: Holy Communion (CW)

10am: Parish Communion

11.30am: Discovery Service

COLLECT:

Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the man

changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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

Eternal God, whose Son went among the crowds and brought healing with his touch: help us to show his love, in your Church as we gather together, and by our lives as they are transformed into the image of Christ our Lord.

FIRST READING: *1 Corinthians 15.12-20*

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

GOSPEL READING: *Luke 6.17-26*

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

‘Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

‘Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

‘Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

‘Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you,
revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. 23 Rejoice on
that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for
that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

‘But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

‘Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

‘Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

‘Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors
did to the false prophets.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Merciful Father, who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life,
that those who come to him should never hunger: draw us to the Lord
in faith and love, that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the
kingdom, where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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 Church of Bangladesh
- In the Diocese – for our Bishops, Andrew and Paul
- In the Parish – for our AV volunteers who operate our service slides and the live stream.

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 St Nicolas Avenue and St Nicolas Close
- For the staff and students of St Cuthbert Mayne School
- For Gabrielle and Phil as they get married on Monday

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, 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, Joyce Debenham, Janet Lillywhite, 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 12th 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 9th 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

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.

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 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 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.

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 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 Guests and Volunteers had their monthly stroll around Knowle Park on Monday followed by a Planning Meeting the following evening all ready for returning to the Arts Centre on Monday 17th. Catherine Johnson, the Social Prescribing Officer for Waverley will then be talking to Carers on the 3rd March. *Memory Lane is held on the 1st & 3rd Monday afternoon with the "Walk In The Park" between the two meetings every month. Further details just contact mamwild@aol.com.*

CD'S AVAILABLE Large collection of CDs, mostly classical, available for collection. A small donation to Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice would be appreciated. Please call Sheelagh on 272703

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.



Forest Church

WINTER 2025

New time: 2pm – 3:30pm
3rd Sunday of the month

Join us in the woods at
Okewood Church, RH5 5QT

19th JANUARY

*The Essence of
Forest Church*

Hearing God through
creation

16th FEBRUARY

Big and Small

Looking at landscapes &
through microscopes

16th MARCH

Hope and Springtime

Find signs of Spring in the
woods

Suitable for adults and families

We have wet weather activities
so come and enjoy the rain!

For more information contact:
stephanie.thorby@gmail.com

23-24 FEB 2025 WEYBRIDGE – GODALMING WALK FOR UKRAINE – FUNDRAISING TO SAVE LIVES

We, Ben Rogers and Natalia Maievska, are walking 20 miles to raise funds for Ukraine Mission—a small group of British volunteers delivering aid, equipment, and medicine to paramedics, rescue teams, and civilians in Ukraine.

Often risking their lives, these volunteers drive to areas near the front lines to support those in urgent need, helping to save lives.

**STAND WITH UKRAINE.
SUPPORT OUR WALK.**



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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 4.30pm 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



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 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

Email: claire.jones@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk

Safeguarding Officer – Brian Boxall

Email: brian.boxall@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk

Or for Safeguarding emergencies phone the Rector

Diocesan Safeguarding Team

Tel: 01483 790379. Email: safeguarding@cofeguildford.org.uk

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!