



# St Nicolas Church, Cranleigh

**EASTER DAY**

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

## **THIS WEEK:**

### **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**

### **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

**10am: Elmbridge Communion**

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

### **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**

**2pm: Cedar Court Service**

### **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April**

**10am: Time for Prayer**

### **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April**

**3pm: Wedding of Stephen Birch and Desislava Kasheva**

### **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter)**

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

**10am: All Age Worship**

**6pm: Choral Communion**

## **COLLECT:**

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity.

## **INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

Christ our passover lamb has been sacrificed for us. Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

## **FIRST READING:** *Acts 10.34-43*

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

## **GOSPEL READING:** *John 20.1-18*

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb.

So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." ' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

## **INTRODUCTION TO THE PEACE**

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

## **SEASONAL PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
almighty and eternal Father,  
and in these days of Easter  
to celebrate with joyful hearts  
the memory of your wonderful works.  
For by the mystery of his passion  
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,  
has conquered the powers of death and hell  
and restored in men and women the image of your glory.  
He has placed them once more in paradise  
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.  
And so, in the joy of this Passover,  
earth and heaven resound with gladness,  
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation  
sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER:**

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **BLESSING**

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant,  
make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which  
is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing . . .

# WEEKLY PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

## Church and Christian Ministry:

- In the Anglican cycle of Prayer – The Church in the Province of the West Indies
- In the Diocese – for all who have been baptized and confirmed this weekend, both here at St Nicolas and at Guildford Cathedral
- In the Parish – we give thanks for our flower arrangers who have made the church look so beautiful for Easter
- For members of our church attending Spring Harvest this week

## 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 Longpoles Road
- For those who work for St John Ambulance and Badgers
- For good community relations

## The Sick and those in Need:

- Jane Bloss, Pam Cheeseman, Claire Curry, Anne Dulley, Emily McGowan, Tricia Hislop, 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), Freda Ives and Leslie Mynard.

## **WEEKLY NOTICES:**

### **THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

**will be held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2024  
at 7.30 p.m. in the Church**

All Church Members are invited to attend. Apologies for non-attendance and Any Other Business should be notified in advance to the PCC Secretary, [paul@stnicolascrsanleigh.org.uk](mailto:paul@stnicolascrsanleigh.org.uk); Tel: 548824

**ECO-CHURCH BRONZE AWARD** Thanks to the hard work of members of our congregation, headed up by Sue Tresman, we are delighted to have been awarded the Eco-Church Bronze Award which recognises the steps we have taken so far in moving towards a greener church, and our plans for the future.

**MESSY CHURCH** On Tuesday this week we welcomed a group of children to explore Holy Week through Messy church. Those who came had a fabulous time exploring each of the days through crafts, baking, food tasting and games.

We also welcomed our friends from Open the Book who performed the death and resurrection of Jesus as a part of our worship.

I would like to give a big thanks to both the Open the Book team, my team who helped with the “messy” bit. Along with the behind-the-scenes bookings, prayer and recruitment team!!

Pentecost is fast approaching so Erik tells me! I would love to build on our successes and do another event to celebrate the birthday of the church.

Please do come and have a chat with me or Erik about it.

**EASTER MONDAY** The tiny church of St Andrews at Grafham will be open on Bank Holiday Monday 11 - 4pm, for visitors to see it decorated with flowers for Easter. Refreshments available.

**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.

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

**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.

**KRUNNER 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.

**CRANLEIGH FOOD BANK DONATION POINT** We now have a donations basket for Cranleigh Food Bank in church. It can be found to your right as you enter the south door, underneath the leaflet shelf. No fresh produce or out of date/open items. Thank you

### **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 20th 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.





# 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

**What do you think?**



**What does the Bible say?**



**Saturday 15th June 2024**  
**8pm**



**Tickets £28 including refreshment now available from Cranleigh Arts Box Office. The concert will take place in St Nicolas Church.**



## **KEEP IN TOUCH:**

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

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