



St Nicolas Church, Cranleigh

4th Sunday of Easter

Sunday 21st April 2024

THIS WEEK:

Sunday 21st April (4th Sunday of Easter)

Today at our 8am and 10am Services we are delighted to welcome back again our old friend, Revd Caroline Lazenby

8am: Holy Communion (BCP)

10am: All Age Communion

5pm: Teenagers Group (in church rooms)

6pm: Evensong

Monday 22nd April

10am: Sewing and Knitting Group in Church Rooms

Tuesday 23rd April

12noon: Holy Communion (BCP)

Wednesday 24th April

10am: Toddler Praise at Methodist Church

Thursday 25th April

10am: Time for Prayer

Friday 26th April

10am: Little Nic's Toddlers (in Church Rooms)

10am: MU Communion

Sunday 28th April (5th Sunday of Easter)

8am: Holy Communion (CW)

10am: Holy Communion

11.30am: Discovery Service

CHOIR ANTHEM for this Sunday's Evensong

He delivered the poor in his affliction, the fatherless and him that hath none to help him.

He shall bind up the broken-hearted and proclaim liberty to the captives, and comfort to those that mourn.

He shall give them beauty for ashes; the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness.

For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth things that are sown to spring forth,

so the Lord God will cause righteousness and peace to spring forth before all nations.

Psalm 72:12, Isaiah 61:1-3, 11

COLLECT:

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
(or)

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father.

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 4.5-12*

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead.

This Jesus is

“the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.”

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

GOSPEL READING: *John 10.11-18*

'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again.

I have received this command from my Father.'

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:

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always
under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; 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 Anglican Church of Australia
- In the Diocese – for the meeting of the Bishop’s Council
- In the Parish – that our job advert for a Young People and Families Leader will reach the right people and we may receive exciting applicants.

National and World Affairs:

- For peace in the world, and especially for the safety of the people of Israel and Palestine, Ukraine and Russia, Southern Sudan 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 Canter Drive and Farrier Lane
- For the staff and volunteers of Animal Rescue and RSPB in the work they do caring for God’s creatures.

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, Jill Saunders, Hazel Scurfield, 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, Alan Page and Maureen Steele

WEEKLY NOTICES:

TONIGHT'S EVENSONG AND DRINK AT THE HORSESHOES

Join us for Choral Evensong this evening, a beautiful reflective service in which the music is led by the choir. After the service, you'll also be most welcome to come along to the Three Horseshoes for a pint or another drink afterwards. We'd love to see you there!

TEENAGERS GROUP meets again this Sunday at 5pm in the church rooms. Join us for table football, pool, drinks, snacks and discussion. For more information contact Erik erik@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk

FREE would anyone like, or does anyone need, a nearly new single duvet! Tog rating is 13.5. Phone Jill Saunders on 01483 268028.



CAKES FOR CASH Donations of cakes and savouries, please on the morning Sunday 5 May, to the Church Rooms. 9 am onwards. Please support this good cause. Barbara Pearson. 273724

MEN'S GROUP We are hoping to start up our monthly men's group again with a curry night organised by Roy in May, and two barbecues in June and July. For planning the nights, we are now just trying to get a sense of what evenings work for most men. So, if you're interested to join, could you please just drop Erik (erik@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk) a line with whether Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday evening works best for you?

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

MEMORY LANE resumes again on Monday 20th May when Sarah Wood will be talking to the Carer Guests on the subject of "Giving Carers A Voice". This will be a helpful presentation by LUMINUS Healthwatch Surrey. Interestingly, Memory Lane guests will also have the benefit of Meeting Nina Austin from NHS Heartland the same afternoon.

As a complete contrast, the following month Carer Guests will be able to benefit from a visit by Peter Hills the Fire Safety Officer from Guildford. Details of the *Safe & Well* free home visits and safety measures for when in a caring role.

For further details of the Memory Lane meetings held in the Cranleigh Arts Centre every 1st & 3rd Monday afternoons; please call Memory Lane 01483 274398 or email: 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 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 9th June: REDEMPTION
Sunday 28th April: COVENANT	Sunday 23rd June: REPENTANCE
Sunday 12th May: TEMPTATION	Sunday 14th July: SANCTIFICATION
Sunday 26th May: ATONEMENT	No discovery over the summer holidays. We return on Sunday 8th September

What do you think?

What does the Bible say?



Saturday 18th May

7pm in Church Rooms

**TICKETS AVAILABLE
FROM CHURCH OFFICE
OR SCAN:**



TICKETS £10

INCLUDING CHEESE AND WINE

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CAKES FOR CASH!

Sunday 5th May

Cake Sale with Coffee
after the 10am service



Cakes please, to the church rooms on the morning, from 9am



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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Curate - Revd Erik Heemskerk (*Day off: Monday*)

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(*Works Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9.30-2.30*)

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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!