



St Nicolas Church, Cranleigh

Mothering Sunday

Sunday 15th March 2026

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8am: Holy Communion (BCP)

10am: All Age Communion with music group

2pm: Baptism of Savannah Boyd, Joel Boyd and Millie Callingham

5pm: Ignite Teenager Group

6pm: Choral Evensong

Monday 16th March

10am: Sewing and Knitting Group in Church rooms

Tuesday 17th March

10am: Elmbridge Communion

11am: Lady Day Eucharist at the Cathedral for 150 years Mother's Union

12noon: Holy Communion

Wednesday 18th March

9.30am: Toddler Praise – in church rooms

2.30pm: Knowle Park Communion

7.30pm: Lent Course – The Gift of Christ

Thursday 19th March

10am: Time for Prayer – Guided prayer and calm music

10.30am: Lent Course – The Gift of Christ

12.30pm: Lent Lunch in the church rooms

Friday 20th March

9.30am: Little Nic's Baby and Toddler Group – in church rooms

11am: Funeral Enid (Nan) Rose

Saturday 21st March

9.30am: Flower Ladies Coffee Morning

Sunday 22nd March (5th Sunday of Lent)

8am: Holy Communion (CW)

10am: All Age Communion with choir

1pm: Baptism of Gracie Clark

Gluten-free wafers are available for all communion services. Please ask one of the welcome team who will be happy to help you with this or with any other questions you may have.

COLLECT:

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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

God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

FIRST READING: Exodus 2.1-10

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

GOSPEL READING: Luke 2.33-35

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

WEEKLY PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

A Prayer for Bishop Andrew:

Heavenly Father, we give you thanks for Andrew, our brother and bishop: for his faith and faithfulness to you in life and in leadership.

As we mourn his death and commend him to your everlasting arms, give us the same faith, hope and love rooted in the death and resurrection of your son, Jesus.

We pray especially for Beverly, Hannah, Sam, Joe, Lydia and the whole family.

Comfort them with your Holy Spirit and protect them in their grief.

And bring us, at the last, with Andrew and all your children, to that eternal joy where you live and reign in glory forever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Church and Christian Ministry:

- In the Anglican cycle of Prayer – The Anglican Church of Kenya
- In the Diocese – For our Archdeacons Catharine and Martin
- In the Parish – For our Social Team

National and World Affairs:

- For the crisis in the Middle East

- For those living in constant fear in places of conflict

Community and Family:

- For those who live in Bishop's Square and Taylor's Crescent.
- For the Royal Family

The Sick and those in Need:

- Judy Borcik, Hazel Cherry, Claire Currie, Val Davies, Edward, Rodney Hill, Bryn Jones, Nigel Lynn, Jean Quallington, Ray, Colin Tilbury, Val, Muriel Young
- *(And for those with long-term prayer needs):* Atticus and his parents Clare and Alex, Neil Charman, Annie Cotterill, David, Stella Goldsmith, James Goudie, Helen Allen, Jane, Kirsty, Lottie Lack, Jack Lewis, Mo, Brian & Jill Pettyfer, Ron & Lillian Reynolds, Peggy Ringshall, Martin Root, Steff Shepherd, Sheila Smith, Dolores Spurgeon, Bert Steed, Val Thorogood, Nick Vrijland, Marilyn Wood, Judy Wedderspoon

The Departed:

- All we have known and loved, who have left us through the years, and especially at this time Bishop Andrew, Diana Faulkner and Enid Rose.

WEEKLY NOTICES:

Memorial Service for Diana Faulkner



will take place at St. Nicolas Church, Cranleigh on
Thursday 26th March at 2pm,
 followed by a reception at the Cranleigh Arts Centre.
All who knew Diana are warmly invited to attend.

BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION SERVICE FOR YOUR DIARY We've got a provisional date for a Baptism and Confirmation Service on 31st of May in our regular 10am service, with our very own Bishop Peter leading the service. Erik is intending to get a group for adults going after Easter, please do let him know if you are interested in joining and what your availability would look like. At the moment we're thinking of a Tuesday or Thursday evening or maybe a Saturday morning. If you're not quite sure yet but would like to learn more about the Christian faith, please do join in as well, it's up to you if you want to be baptised/confirmed at the end. Please drop Erik a line (erik@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk or 07368871589) with any questions or to sign up!

THANK YOU Last week's Parish Breakfast was very well attended, with around 65 parishioners enjoying the hot and cold options catered by members of the Men's Group. It was nice to hear the many appreciative comments fed back to the team.

After expenses, we made £386.27 which will go a long way towards the maintenance costs of our churchyard machinery, so many thanks to all who supported the event

SPRING CLEANING Saturday 28th March from 9.30-12.30, refreshments will be available.

Please come and help give the church its annual spring clean. Even if you are not a regular cleaner, we would really appreciate your help. And we are also looking for new volunteers to help with some of the jobs on our cleaning rota, so please do consider whether you might be able to spare an hour or two once a week or once a month.

APCM - elections to PCC (Parochial Church Council)

Would you like to be more involved in helping to run this church? Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place on 15th April, at which elections will take place for 3 new members of the PCC, and up to 6 new members of the Deanery Synod (which also brings automatic membership of the PCC). If you think you might be interested in joining the team, please pick up a leaflet from the back of church which gives you more information about what's involved.

AUCTION OF PROMISES Saturday 25th April from 7.30pm - an Auction of Promises, with Cheese and Wine.

Come and bid for a range of tempting offers - or make an offer yourself that we can put up for auction in our in-house special event.

Forms will be available from next Sunday for you to volunteer your promises!

FLOWER ARRANGING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 21 March: Flower Ladies Coffee morning in Church. 10am. Anyone who is interested is very welcome.

Easter Lilies: Donations towards Easter Lilies for church, in memory of a loved one, can be left at the Church Office in a marked envelope by Sunday 15th March.

MEMORY LANE Team and Dementia Guests are busy every week rehearsing for the *Musical Memories* Concert to be held on the 25th April this year. Tickets are available at just £10 for a two hour performance and includes afternoon tea and cakes.

Tickets for Musical Memories - just call Jan on 07876 528704. For further information on all Memory Lane events please call Memory Lane 01483 274398 or email: mamwild@aol.com.

CHURCH WHATSAPP GROUP is a great way to stay in touch during the week, keep up-to-date with what is going on, and share prayer requests. If you would like to be added contact Nicola in the office.

CAR PARK EXEMPTION members of the church can have their car registration added to our exemption database so that you can park for free whilst attending on church business. If you haven't already done this, please contact Nicola in the office to add your details.

If you would like to receive this notice sheet by email each week, please contact Nicola in the church office.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

at **St
NICOLAS**
CRANLEIGH

SUN 29TH MARCH - PALM SUNDAY

- 8.00am **Holy Communion**
9.30am **Meet at The Common for Blessing of the Palms**
and join the procession through the village with the churches of
Cranleigh, and Denzel the Donkey
10.00am **All Age Communion**

MON 30TH MARCH

- 8.00pm **Easter Story in the Three Horseshoes snug bar**

TUES 31ST MARCH

- 12noon **Holy Communion**
7.30pm **Words and Music for Holy Week**

WED 1ST APRIL

- 7.30pm **Compline and Address sung by the choir of men**

MAUNDY THURSDAY

- 12.30pm **Lent Lunch in church rooms**
1.15pm **Washing Feet & Breaking Bread**
A special event for children and their adults
7.30pm **Choral Communion with Washing of Feet**
followed by quiet vigil

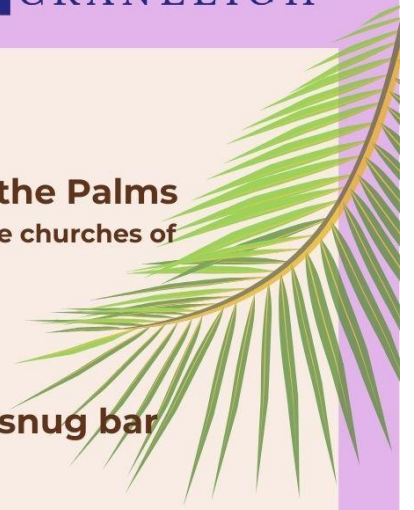
GOOD FRIDAY

(church will be open all day for private prayer)

- 9.30am **Short Sung Morning Prayer**
10.30am **Walk of Witness to Stocklund Square**
10.45am **Ecumenical Service of Witness at Stocklund Square**
2.00pm **An Hour before the Cross.**

EASTER DAY

- 7.30am **Easter Ceremonies and Holy Communion**
8.45am **Hot Cross Buns for all**
10.00am **All Age Communion**
followed by **festive drinks & egg hunt**
6.00pm **Festival Choral Evensong**



Keep in touch

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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? Erik and Sue 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!



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