



St Nicolas Church, Cranleigh

5th Sunday of Lent

Sunday 22nd March 2026

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8am: Holy Communion (CW)

10am: All Age Communion with choir

1pm: Baptism of Gracie Clark

Monday 23rd March

12noon: Live Stream of Bishop Andrew's funeral in Church

Tuesday 24th March

12noon: Holy Communion

Wednesday 25th March

9.30am: Toddler Praise – in church rooms

7.30pm: Lent Course – The Gift of Christ

Thursday 26th 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

2pm: Memorial Service for Diana Faulkner

Friday 27th March

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

10am: MU Communion

Saturday 28th March

9.30am: Annual Church Spring Clean

Sunday 29th March (Palm Sunday)

8am: Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30am: Blessing of the palms and procession from The Common

10am: All Age Communion with music group

6.30pm: Service of Words and Music at St James' Shere.

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:

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord.

FIRST READING: Romans 8.6-11

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

GOSPEL READING: John 11.38-44

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The

dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

WEEKLY PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

Church and Christian Ministry:

- In the Anglican cycle of Prayer – The Anglican Church of Korea
- In the Diocese – For Bishop Andrew's family and friends, and all those who will join in with the Funeral Service
- In the Parish – For Michael our Director of Music and our Choir and Music Group

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 Woodland Avenue and Grange Park.
- For the Mayor of Waverley.

The Sick and those in Need:

- Judy Borcik, Hazel Cherry, Claire Currie, Val Davies, Edward, Diana Fowler, 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 and Diana Faulkner.

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.

THANK YOU to everyone who came to make the Mothering Sunday posies last week.

VERGERS FOR WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS We would love to have more people 'trained' to verge at weddings and funerals so that we can start a rota for these services. It is a straightforward job involving setting-up the church, welcoming the congregation, and tidying away at the end. There is a fee paid to the verger for these services! If you could help and would like more information, please contact nicola@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk

FIRST AID COURSE will be held on Saturday 18th April in the church rooms. If you would like to attend please email Alan@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk.

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!

LENT LUNCHESES We have two more lent lunches, Thursday 26th March and Thursday 2nd April (Maundy Thursday). Do join us for delicious soup, bread and cake, and enjoy these lunches in the run up to Easter.

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 are now available for you to volunteer your promises!

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**



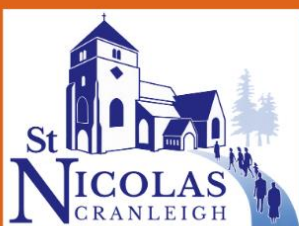
Washing Feet & Breaking Bread

Maundy Thursday for Children

2nd April at 1.15pm in Church Rooms



For primary school aged children and their adults!



You may also like:

7.30pm – Maundy Thursday

Eucharist, washing of feet and Vigil.

All welcome.

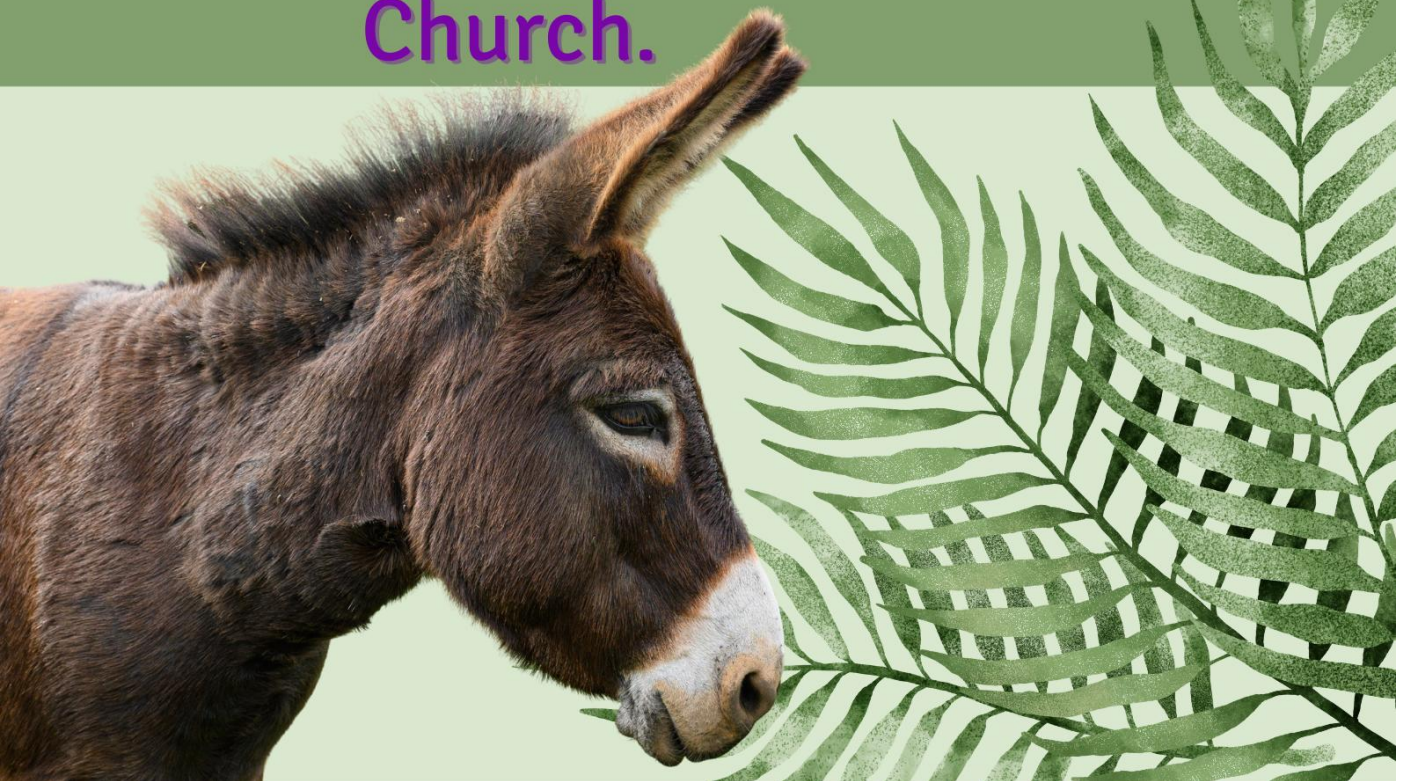


Palm Sunday

29th March

9.30am: Join the Churches of Cranleigh at The Common for our procession with Denzel the Donkey!

10am: All Age Communion in Church.



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IESVS NAZARANVS REX IVDÆORVM

St
NICOLAS
CRANLEIGH

WORDS

AND

MUSIC

FOR HOLY WEEK TO EASTER

*45 MINUTES OF REFLECTIVE MUSIC
AND WORDS FOR HOLY WEEK.
BE WITH HIM ON THIS PART OF THE
JOURNEY TO THE CROSS.*

TUESDAY 31ST MARCH AT 7.30PM

Auction *of* Promises



with cheese and wine

Saturday 25th April 7.30pm

in St Nicolas Church Rooms

Come prepared to bid for a range of tempting offers!

A list of promises will be available before the event



from members of the social team or the church office

All proceeds from the auction will go to Church Funds



Keep in touch

Rector – (In Vacancy)

Curate - Revd Erik Heemsker (*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? 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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