



St Nicolas Church, Cranleigh

Baptism of Christ (Epiphany 1)

Sunday 11th January 2026

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8am: Holy Communion (CW)

10am: All Age Communion (with choir)

Monday 12th January

10am: Sewing and Knitting Group in Church rooms

Tuesday 13th January

10am: Elmbridge Morning Prayer

12noon: Holy Communion

Wednesday 14th January

9.30am: Toddler Praise in Church

12noon: Mothers' Union "Winter Warmer" lunch in Church Rooms.

7.30pm: PCC Meeting

Thursday 15th January

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

Friday 17th January

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

Sunday 18th January (Epiphany 2 – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity)

8am: Holy Communion (BCP)

10am: All Age Communion (with music group)

We are pleased to be joined by Archdeacon Catharine Mabuza who will be leading and preaching at this service.

1pm: Baptism of George Gissel

3pm: Ecumenical Service for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, at Jesus Christ Redeemer of Mankind. Followed by refreshments.

5pm: Ignite Teenager Group: Win It in A Minute Challenge

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:

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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

Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION:

The grace of God has dawned upon the world through our Saviour Jesus Christ, who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own. Let us confess our sins.

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: *Matthew 3.13-end*

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, ‘I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?’ But Jesus answered him, ‘Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.’ Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.’

INTRODUCTION TO THE PEACE :

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end.

SEASONAL PREFACE:

All honour and praise be yours always and everywhere, mighty creator, ever-living God, through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord: for at this time we celebrate your glory made present in our midst. In the coming of the Magi the King of all the world was revealed to the nations. In the waters of baptism Jesus was revealed as the Christ, the Saviour sent to redeem us. In the water made wine the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast. Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy. Therefore with all the angels of heaven we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek: may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light discern the glory of your presence in your Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

BLESSING:

Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom; and the blessing . . .

WEEKLY PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

Church and Christian Ministry:

- In the Anglican cycle of Prayer – Anglican Church of Central America
- In the Diocese – For Catharine and Martin our Archdeacons
- In the Parish – for our PCC members as they meet for the first time this year.

National and World Affairs:

- For the fragile peace process in the Middle East
- For those living in constant fear in places of conflict

Community and Family:

- For those who live in Bridge Cottages and Newbridge Court
- For Anne Beresford and all those who attend Toddler Praise each week. Also for Steff Shepherd and her team of Open the Book volunteers

The Sick and those in Need:

- Helen Allen, Hazel Cherry, Claire Currie, Val Davies, Edward, Diana Faulkner, Tony Garstone, Rodney Hill, Bryn Jones, Nigel Lynn, Jean Quallington, Sheila Smith, Colin Tilbury, Val, Nick Vrijland, Judy Wedderspoon
- (*And for those with long-term prayer needs*): Atticus and his parents Clare and Alex, Neil Charman, Annie Cotterill, David, Peggy Davis, Stella Goldsmith, James Goudie, Jane, Kirsty, Lottie Lack, Jack Lewis, Sheila McSorley, Mo, Brian & Jill Pettyfer, Ron & Lillian 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 Bob Blythman, Olga Clark and Giovanni Fontebasso.

WEEKLY NOTICES:

ECUMENICAL SERVICE NEXT WEEK 3PM Please join next Sunday at 3pm for our Ecumenical service marking the beginning of the Week of Prayer for Christian unity. This is taking place at Jesus Christ Redeemer of Mankind, and there will be refreshments afterwards. Because of this there won't be Evensong next week.

TAIZÉ WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY The Catholic community invite you to an ecumenical Taizé evening on WEDS 21st JAN at 7.30 pm in the Church of Jesus Christ Redeemer of Mankind. Everyone is welcome, particularly musicians, singers and instrumentalists from other church families in Cranleigh. (Rehearsal Weds.14th Jan at 7pm for all singers and instrumentalists).

LENT 2026 - 'The Gift of Christ - Responding and Living Fruitfully'

Wednesday 18th February is Ash Wednesday and for the following 5 weeks this year's Lent time together will take place.

An hour of sharing in friendly small groups as Lent leads us through to the heart of the Gospel at Easter.

Further information, and the invitation to sign up, will be available from Sunday 18th January"

MESSAGE FROM JEAN QUALLINGTON Jean sends all her friends at St

Nicolas belated wishes for Christmas, with apologies for not being able to send cards this year, and all the best for 2026.

UPDATED EMAIL ADDRESS: For all emails pertaining to safeguarding matters, please use Safeguarding@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk , with immediate effect.

BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH 2026 -23rd -25th JANUARY St Nicolas is signed up to take part in this as part of our Eco Church activities. If you would like to be involved please contact Sue, by 16th January, on susan.tresman@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk.

CHURCHYARD MAINTENANCE Thanks to the mowing team and those who strim and deal with other necessary tasks, we aim to keep the churchyard very well throughout the year. We do deliberately leave perimeters and other areas wild for wildlife to flourish.

I'll be drawing up the mowing rota later this month - we always need more helpers so if you can spare a few hours a year to mow or maintain, please let me know. It's all good exercise!

Malcolm Keeping

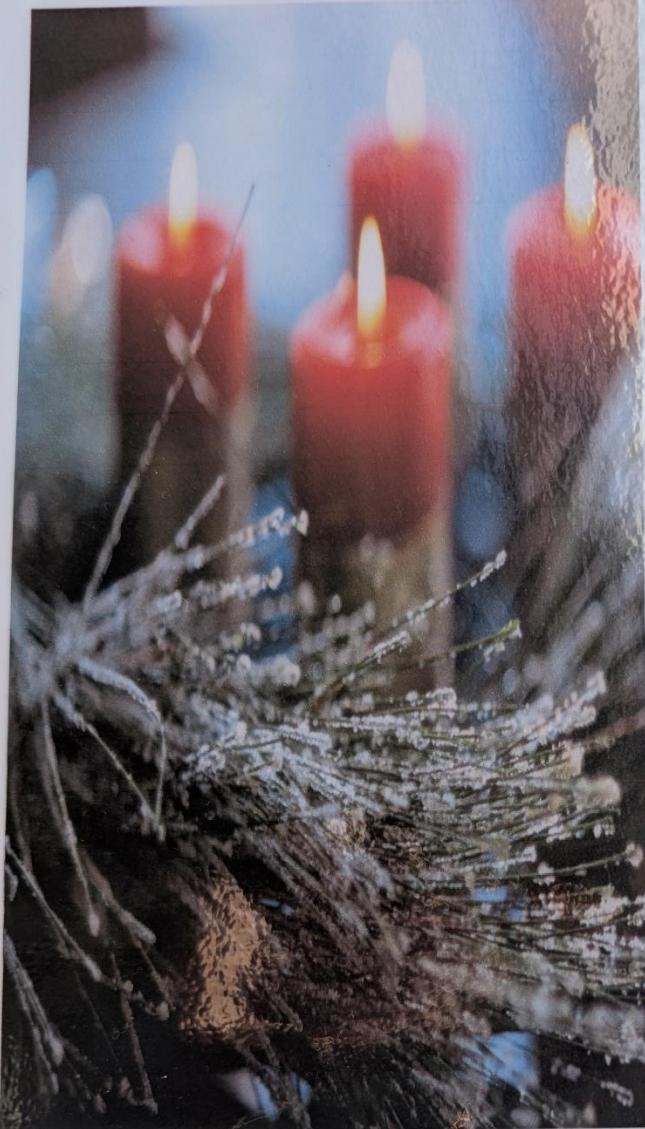
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CHURCH WHATSAPP GROUP is a great way to stay in touch during the week, keep up-to-date with what is going on, and share prayer requests. If you would like to be added, please contact Nicola in the office.

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.



Candlemas

Concert

*An hour long sequence
of seasonal music
for female voices
with readings
and including works by
Victoria, Lully, Mendelssohn,
Berlioz and Wayne Marshall*

Cantilena

*Conductor
Jenny Hansell*

*Organ
Philip Scriven*

**Saturday 7 February 2026
3 pm**

**St Nicolas' Church
Cranleigh
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**Tickets £15 (school age children £5)
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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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