



**St Nicolas Church, Cranleigh**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

**THIS WEEK:**

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent)**

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

**10am: All Age Worship**

**11.30am: Extraordinary meeting of the PCC (in St Andrews Room)**

**12noon: Baptism of Aurora Daisey Alice Thompson-West-May**

**5pm: Ignite (in church rooms)**

**6pm: Choral Communion**

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April**

**10am: Sewing and Knitting Group (in church rooms)**

**10.30am: Rectory Garden Spring Tidy**

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April**

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

**5pm: Compline for Lent**

**6pm: Elmbridge Evening Service**

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April**

**10am: Mothers Union**

**2.30pm: Lent Course in Church**

**6pm: Lent Course in Church**

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April**

**10am: Time for Prayer - 30 minutes led prayer with themed music**

**5pm: Compline for Lent**

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April**

**5pm: Compline for Lent**

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April**

**9am: Church Spring Clean**

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April (Palm Sunday)**

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

**10am: All Age Communion**

***Beginning at the Lych Gate, weather permitting***

## **CHOIR ANTHEM FOR CHORAL COMMUNION**

Drop, drop, slow tears  
And bathe those beauteous feet  
Which brought from heaven  
The news and Prince of Peace:

Cease not, wet eyes  
His mercies to entreat;  
To cry for vengeance  
Sin doth never cease.

In your deep floods  
Drown all my faults and fears;  
Nor let his eye see sin,  
But through my tears.

*Phineas Fletcher*

## **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.

## **INVITATION TO CONFESSION:**

God shows his love for us in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Let us then show our love for him by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

## **FIRST READINGS: *Philippians 3.4b-14***

Even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh. If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

## **GOSPEL READING: *John 12.1-8***

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three

hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?’ (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, ‘Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.’

## **INTRODUCTION TO THE PEACE :**

Once we were far off, but now in union with Christ Jesus we have been brought near through the shedding of Christ’s blood, for he is our peace.

## **SEASONAL PREFACE:**

It is indeed right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For as the time of his passion and resurrection draws near the whole world is called to acknowledge his hidden majesty.

The power of the life-giving cross reveals the judgement that has come upon the world and the triumph of Christ crucified.

He is the victim who dies no more, the lamb once slain, who lives for ever, our advocate in heaven to plead our cause, exalting us there to join with angels and archangels, for ever praising you and *saying*:

## **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.

## **BLESSING:**

Christ crucified draw you to himself, to find in him a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven; and the blessing . . .

# **WEEKLY PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:**

## **Church and Christian Ministry:**

- In the Anglican cycle of Prayer – Anglican Church of Chile
- In the Diocese – for our Bishops, Andrew and Paul
- In the Parish – for our cleaning team and garden maintenance team as they work hard to prepare the church and gardens for the season ahead.

## **National and World Affairs:**

- For peace in the world, and especially in the Middle East, Ukraine and Russia and Southern Sudan, giving thanks for the fragile negotiations which are taking place in an effort to secure peace in Ukraine and Russia.
- For all who suffer as a result of natural disasters, and especially at this time the people of Myanmar

## **Community and Family:**

- For those who live in Broad Walk and Durnsford Way
- For Trade Unions and Labour Relations

## **The Sick and those in Need:**

- Helen Allen, Jane Bloss, Hazel Cherry, Claire Curry, Tricia Hislop, Jack Lewis, Patrick, Jean Quallington, Valerie Spears, Margaret Tilbury, Val, Jeremy Watts, Sylvia Wright
- *(And for those with long-term prayer needs):* Baby Atticus and his parents Clare and Alex, Neil Charman, Annie Cotterill, David, Peggy Davis, Jean Dodd, Stella Goldsmith, James Goudie, Jane, Bryn Jones, Kirsty, Lottie Lack, Sheila McSorley, Mo, Judy Murdoch, Libby O'Brien, Brian Pettyfer, Sheelagh Poole, Ron 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 Ian McLeod Ross.

## WEEKLY NOTICES:

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

**will be held on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

**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

**RECTORY GARDEN SPRING TIDY** Join us on Monday (7<sup>th</sup> April) from 10.30am to help get the Rectory Garden in good shape ready for a summer of events! Roy will provide lunch for the workers, so please do let him know if you are able to be there. Please bring tools with you, and pray for good weather so we can enjoy a rewarding day working in the gardens, and a lovely lunch together!

**CHURCH SPRING CLEANING – SATURDAY 12<sup>th</sup> APRIL** The Annual Spring Clean of the Church will take place on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April, 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Regular cleaners are encouraged to come, and any additional help will be very much appreciated. Everyone welcome.

Tea and coffee will be provided. If you can bring your own equipment, especially long-handled brooms and dusters for nooks and crannies, that would be very useful. Please contact Celia Jenkins, Tel 548824, if you need further information.

**MOTHERS UNION** are in need of some plastic storage boxes to store MU items in our cupboard and make it easier to carry things to meetings. If you have any that you no longer need, or if you would be prepared to donate toward purchasing some, please let Jane Etherington or Katherine Tuck know. Many thanks.

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES** If you or your child would like to make a deeper commitment to the Christian faith, why not join our confirmation classes starting after Easter? Or if you'd just like to explore questions around faith but are not quite sure yet if you'd like to do confirmation, you are most welcome to come along as well! We are planning sessions for teenagers (Wednesday evening 7pm on 7 May, 14 May, 21 May, 4 June, 11 June) and

for adults (Tuesday evening 8pm on 20 May, 27 May, 3 June, 10 June, and a start lunch on Sunday 18 May. The Baptism and Confirmation service is planned for Sunday 15th of June at 3pm. Please also put the Confirmation Rehearsal in your diary, on Sunday 8 June at 12noon. Contact Erik@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk to sign up or for more information.

**RUNNER BEANS** Would you like me to grow a pot of Runner Bean plants for you to plant in your garden? 10 plants for £3 or 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 table at my gate in Kings Road.

**CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** A volunteer is required to Hoover and dust the church porch and font area on the week leading up to 4th Saturday. Equipment is provided and the cleaning can be done at a time in the week that suits you. Please contact Celia Jenkins on 548824 if you feel able to help.



**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

# HOLY WEEK SERVICES

## SUN 13th APRIL - PALM SUNDAY

- 8.00am **Holy Communion**  
10.00am **Parish Communion**  
beginning at the Lych Gate, weather permitting  
11.30am **Discovery - informal, contemporary worship service**

## MON 14th APRIL

- 6.00pm **Words and Music for Holy Week**  
8.00pm **Easter Story in the Three Horseshoes snug bar**

## TUES 15th APRIL

- 12noon **Holy Communion**  
6.00pm **The Way of the Cross at Elmbridge Retirement Village.**  
(everyone welcome to join and stay for bring and share supper)

## WED 16th APRIL

- 6.00pm **Compline and Address sung by the choir of men**

## MAUNDY THURSDAY

- 6.00pm **Choral Communion with Feet Washing**  
7.00pm **Quiet vigil until 8.30pm**

## 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**  
10.00am **All Age Communion**  
6.00pm **Festival Choral Evensong**



# EASTER SUNDAY

20TH APRIL

7.30AM:

EASTER CEREMONIES &  
HOLY COMMUNION

10AM:

ALL AGE COMMUNION

6PM:

FESTIVAL CHORAL  
EVENSONG



# EARTH DAY

Be the change you wish to see in this world

## TUESDAY 22ND APRIL

JOIN US IN MAKING AN ECO-PLEDGE AND  
ADDING YOUR STONE TO OUR ECO DESIGN



Meet by the Garden of Remembrance  
in the Churchyard

3.30pm-4.15pm



# MUSIC FOR A SPRING AFTERNOON

SATURDAY 10TH MAY, 3PM

St  
**N**ICOLAS  
CRANLEIGH

JOIN US FOR AN HOUR OF BEAUTIFUL  
MUSIC INCLUDING MOZART, HANDEL AND  
DEBUSSY, FOLLOWED BY TEA AND CAKE.

NICOLA STOCK SOPRANO

ELEANOR HARVIE MEZZO SOPRANO

SIMON EVANS VIOLIN

JULIAN DAVIS PIANO

Proceeds to help maintain this beautiful church by  
kind permission of the Rector and church wardens

## KEEP IN TOUCH:

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

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**Church Website:** [www.stnicolascranleigh.org.uk](http://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!*



You can make an online donation in support of church funds by visiting the [website](http://www.stnicolascranleigh.org.uk), clicking on the red button or scanning the QR code.

