



St Nicolas Church, Cranleigh

6th Sunday of Easter

Sunday 25th May 2025

THIS WEEK:

Sunday 25th May (6th Sunday of Easter)

8am: Holy Communion (CW)

10am: Parish Communion

11.30am: Discovery Service

Tuesday 27th May

12noon: Holy Communion (BCP)

Wednesday 28th May

11am: Baptism of Atlas Vidmantas Liaudanskas

2.15pm: Funeral of Penelope Lowrie

Thursday 29th May *Ascension Day*

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

6pm: Choral Communion

Sunday 1st June (7th Sunday of Easter)

8am: Holy Communion (BCP)

10am: All Age Worship

12noon: Baptism of Zachary Harrison Chapman

6pm: Choral Communion

CHOIR ANTHEM FOR ASCENSION DAY

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up ye everlasting doors, and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, even lift them up, ye everlasting doors, and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

Psalm 24:7-10

COLLECTS:

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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

Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, 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 READINGS: *Acts 16.9-15* During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

GOSPEL READING: *John 14.23-29* Jesus answered him, 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is

from the Father who sent me. 'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. 28You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I am coming to you." If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

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:

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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 Kenya
- In the Diocese – for the Safeguarding Officer (Jackie Broadfoot)
- In the Parish – for our Parish Safeguarding Officer (Brian Boxall) and PCC Safeguarding Link (Bryn Jones)

National and World Affairs:

- For peace in the world
- For the world's leaders as they navigate difficult times

Community and Family:

- For those who live in Jackson Close and Clarke Place
- For all confirmation candidates across the Diocese, and especially those in our Parish who will be confirmed on June 15th

The Sick and those in Need:

- Helen Allen, Hazel Cherry, Claire Curry, Jack Lewis, Patrick, Jean Quallington, Chris Robinson, 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, Stella Goldsmith, James Goudie, Jane, Bryn Jones, Kirsty, Lottie Lack, Sheila McSorley, Mo, Brian Pettyfer, Ron Reynolds, Peggy Ringshall, Martin Root, Steff Shepherd, Sheila Smith, Dolores Spurgeon, Bert Steed, Val Thorogood, Michael Trent, Marilyn Wood

The Departed:

- All we have known and loved, who have left us through the years, and especially at this time Jane Bloss, May Brown and Penelope Lowrie

WEEKLY NOTICES:

THE LAST TRAIN IN CRANLEIGH Exhibition in church on Saturday 14th June – see poster on p6!

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED Monday 26th – Friday 30th May. If you have any notices for next week's sheet, please email them to

Erik@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk

THY KINGDOM COME Wouldn't you like your friends and family members to come to know Jesus as well? We are encouraging everyone to pray every day between Ascension Day and Pentecost (just 10 days!) for just five people you know to come to faith. In the back of church there are little prayer cards to help you to pray for them, and even leather bands that you can use as a bracelet (and tie a knot in it for each person you're praying for) to remind you during the day to pray for them.

C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL FAMILY FUN DAY Are you free on Friday afternoon 4th of July between 2 and 4pm and keen to help Erik for an hour of chaos at the Rainbow Raffle stand on the Family Fun Day? It's a great way to support our school and you won't be bored for a minute!

NEXT MEN'S GROUP: BOWLING + FISH & CHIPS Our next Men's Group is going to be happening on Friday 6th June at the Bowling Club (Recreation Ground, Cranleigh Road, Ewhurst GU6 7RN, next to Sayers Croft, parking on site). This time we start from 5.30pm for those who want to bowl (whatever level of experience), and all you need to bring is flat soled shoes. Then we'll have a Fish and Chips Supper from about 7.30pm. There is no need to bring drinks this time as the bar will be open all evening, and drinks are very reasonably priced. Please do let Erik know if you can make it by Wednesday the 4th as we'll need to order the fish and chips in advance.

A BIG "THANK YOU" to everyone who supported "Cakes 4 Cash" on Sunday morning. A grand total of £299.17 was raised for Christian Aid. The church family of St Nicolas were great cake bakers, customers and donators helping to support this Christian charity. Barbara Pearson

SEPTEMBER 13TH is Heritage Day in Cranleigh and St Nicolas Church. We will be having a display of Archived material and tours of the Church. We need Stewards for the church to be welcoming and be able to engage with visitors to help them benefit the most from their visit. Please let Linda King - 17lmking@gmail.com know if you could do anytime between 10am and 4 pm. Thank you

VOLUNTEER READING If you are interested in spending a little time listening to children read in Cranleigh Primary School, please see the Rector

THE LAST TRAIN IN CRANLEIGH

AN EXHIBITION

60 YEARS SINCE THE CLOSING OF OUR RAILWAY



St
NICOLAS
CRANLEIGH

SAT 14TH

JUNE

10AM-4PM

ST NICOLAS CHURCH

● SCALE MODEL OF CRANLEIGH STATION

● MODEL TRAINS

● 2PM: ILLUSTRATED TALK

● ABOUT THE HISTORY OF THE LINE

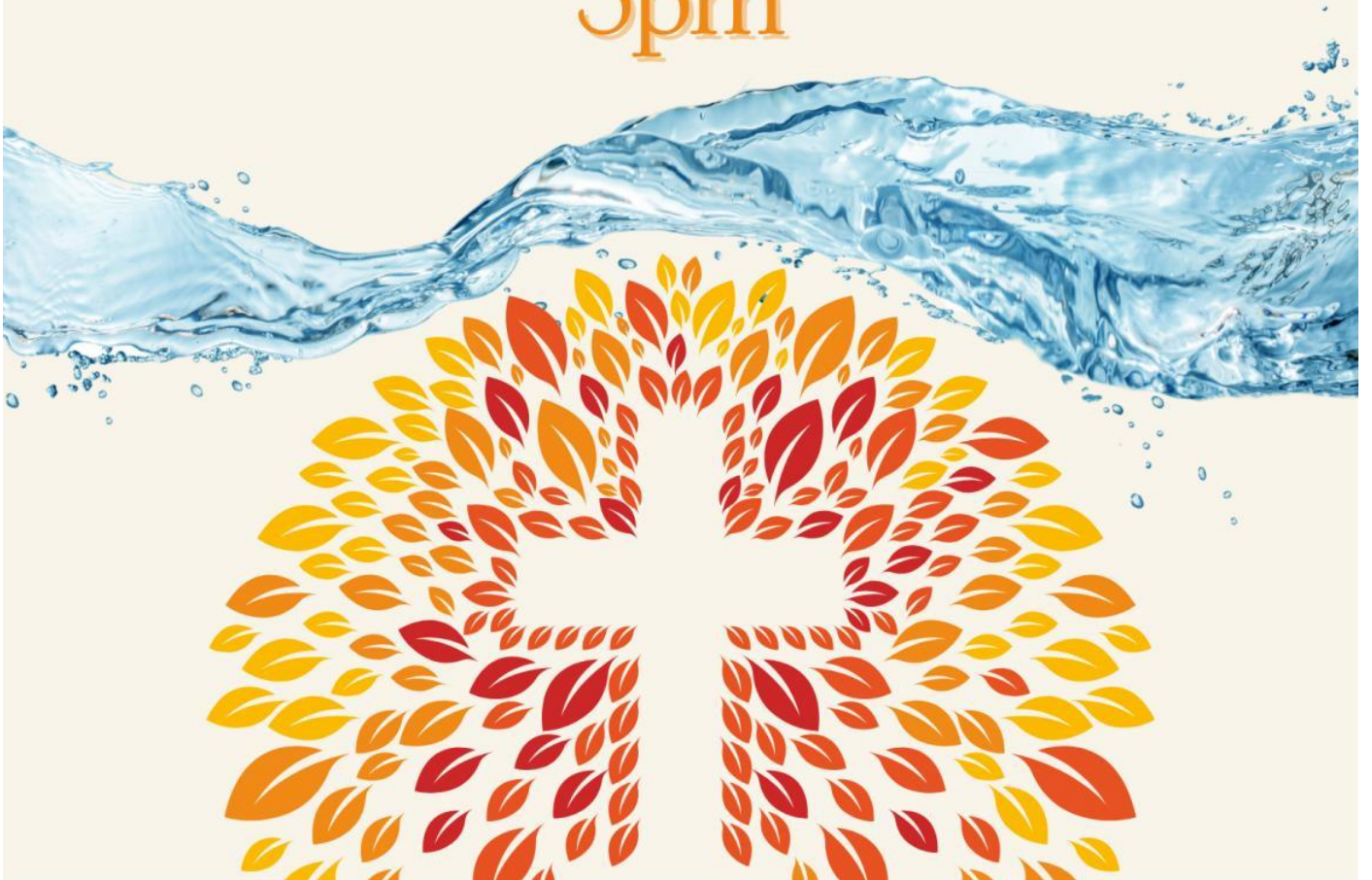
● PHOTOS & ARTEFACTS FROM THE LINE

BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION SERVICE

Join us in welcoming the candidates
into the family of St Nicolas

Sunday 15th June

3pm



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? 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.

