



**St Nicolas Church, Cranleigh**

**Second Sunday of Lent**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2026**

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8am: Holy Communion (BCP)

10am: All Age Worship

12noon: Baptism of Elwyn Ciecholewski

5pm: Ignite Teenager Group: Travel the Globe

6pm: Choral Communion

**After both the 8am and 10am services today the Vision 2030 project team will be available to answer questions about the proposed church re-ordering project, with floorplans and images to view.**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**

10am: Sewing and Knitting Group in Church rooms

1.30pm: Funeral Colin Cooper at Guildford Crematorium

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

10am: Elmbridge Communion

12noon: Holy Communion

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March**

9.30am: Toddler Praise – in church rooms

10.30am – Funeral of Karin Wijeratne

2pm: Cedar Court Communion

7.30pm: Lent Course – The Gift of Christ

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> March**

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

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent)**

8am: Holy Communion (CW)

**8.45-9.30: Parish Breakfast (provided by Men's Group, continental or cooked!)**

10am: All Age Communion with choir

Rev'd Sarah Hutton (Area Dean) will be joining us to preach for this service.

*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:**

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**or**

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**FIRST READING: *Romans 4. 1-5, 13-17***

What are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations') – Abraham believed in the presence of the God, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence things that do not exist.

## **GOSPEL READING: John 3.1-17**

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.'

Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER:**

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **WEEKLY PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:**

### **A Prayer for Bishop Andrew:**

God of our hope and salvation, we thank you for Andrew, our brother in Christ and father in God: for his discipleship and leadership, and for his love and care of our diocese. At this time of his illness, we pray that you would visit him with your healing love, comfort and strengthen him with your Holy Spirit, and protect him and his family with your holy angels. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

### **Church and Christian Ministry:**

- In the Anglican cycle of Prayer – The Nippon Sei Ko Kai
- In the Diocese – for Bishop Andrew, Beverly and their family, and for Bishop Paul and the senior leadership of the Diocese.
- In the Parish – For our Lent Course and those who run it

### **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 Barhatch Road and Copse Edge
- For USPG – partners in global mission

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

- Bishop Andrew, Judy Borcik, Hazel Cherry, Claire Currie, Val Davies, Edward, Tony Garstone, 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 Colin Cooper, Diana Faulkner, Maureen Kay, Michael Trent and Karin Wijeratne.

## **WEEKLY NOTICES:**

**MARCH PARISH MAGAZINE** now available. Copies can be found in the display rack by the South Door. Money can be put into the wall safe. We are sorry the date on the front cover of this magazine reads March 2022 not 2026! The Magazine Team.

**MANY, MANY THANKS** to everyone who has been so kind whilst I have been laid up. The number of cards and good wishes have been so very kind and Margaret and I are truly grateful. I'm not out of the wood yet but it is a comfort to know that everyone has wished me so well. Thank you so much. We are so grateful for your prayers and good wishes. Tony and Margaret Garstone.

**Parish Breakfast** Come and enjoy breakfast on 8 March from 8.45 to 9.30 catered by the Men's Group. Suggested donations of £5 for Continental and £10 for Cooked, children under 13 no charge. Good food and good company - no tickets needed, just turn up. Any profits towards essential maintenance of the churchyard machinery.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER, FRIDAY 6 MARCH 2026, 10 AM: I WILL GIVE YOU REST, COME.** Service for World Day of Prayer at Jesus Christ Redeemer of Mankind Catholic Church, Cranleigh, followed by refreshments. The service is prepared by Christian women from Nigeria. A service for everyone!

**FUNERAL OF MICHAEL TRENT** will take place on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March – see below for details

# *Honouring the Life of*

MICHAEL HERBERT TRENT

8 OCTOBER 1938 - 6 FEBRUARY 2026



## SERVICE DETAILS

Friday the 13th March 2026, 1:30pm

*St. Nicolas Church, Cranleigh*

Dress Code: Bright and Colourful

*After the service you are warmly invited for refreshments at  
Cranleigh Village Sports and Social Club.*

**THANK YOU** for supporting my sale of Tete-a- Tete daffodils. £160 was raised. When flowering is finished and you have planted the bulbs in your garden please BRING BACK THE BOWLS and I will grow some more for next year! Win Bracking

PS When you do a Spring division of perennials that were perhaps too waterlogged to touch in Autumn I am always happy to receive your "divisions" to pot up and sell

### **FLOWER ARRANGING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Saturday 14 March:** Posy making for Mothering Sunday. 9.30 -10.30 in church. "All hands on deck"! It's fun and easy to do. Bring scissors. More details in the March Parish Magazine.

**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 15<sup>th</sup> March.

**TREASURER** Sadly, our current treasurer Alistair will be standing down as Treasurer. So we are in urgent need of a new Treasurer. If anybody would be able to talk to us about this role, please contact The Churchwardens, Richard Tuck (Chair of the Finance Committee) or the clergy.

**CONFIRMATION** We have had some people asking about being confirmed and we would love to get a Confirmation Service organised. Confirmation means to commit yourself publicly to Christ and His Church, take on the baptism promises that were made for you if you were baptised as a child, and it means the Bishop prays for God's Holy Spirit to be with you as you try to be a follower of Jesus. If you haven't been baptised we'd of course also love you to join and be baptised! Would you like to know more? Please talk to Erik or send him a message ([erik@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk](mailto:erik@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk)).

**ELECTORAL ROLL** If you are not already on our church electoral roll, please fill in a form from the back of church and return it to the church office as soon as possible, but no later than March 15th.

Being on our electoral roll confirms that you are a part of our church and enables you to attend and to vote at our Annual Church Meeting in April. There is no financial cost to you or the church.

You do not need to re-apply this year if you filled in a form last year. If you are not sure whether you are already on our roll, please contact Nicola who can check for you. She can also provide you with a digital form to fill in if you would prefer.

A lay person is entitled to apply for enrolment if he or she –

(a) is baptised

(b) is aged 16 or over

(c) is a member of the Church of England or of a Church in communion with it, and

(d) is resident in the parish, or has habitually attended public worship in the parish during the preceding six months.

**LENT LUNCHESES 2026** As part of our commitment to use our new kitchen to serve community lunches, we are planning a series of Lent lunches, to take place in the Church Rooms 12.30pm-1.30pm every Thursday during Lent, starting on February 26th. To include vegetable soup, a bread roll and home-made cake for a £3.50 donation. Gluten-free available.

Please put these Thursdays in your diary now. If you are in Cranleigh on a Thursday lunchtime you will be most welcome and do bring a family member, friend or colleague! No need to book in advance.

**ADVANCE NOTICE** Another date for your diary. **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> 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. To be accompanied by Cheese and Wine.

More information coming soon, but please be thinking about what skills or chores you could offer for auction. It might be to bake a cake, a loaf of bread, or a part of a meal. It might be to wash a car, do some gardening, make a flower arrangement, take a portrait or offer a piano lesson! Offer a beginner's golf lesson, some concert tickets, or a hairstyling session, or some advice on whatever is your area of expertise!

Please note, for safeguarding reasons, your offers should not involve children, going into someone else's home, driving someone in your car, or handling their money.

All money raised by the auction will go to church funds. The Social Team

**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. Last Monday the Dementia Choir rehearsed with Singers now joined by three guitars and clarinettist. This followed on Tuesday with the concert planning group making final arrangements. Tickets are available at just £10 for a two hour performance and includes afternoon tea and cakes.

This Monday the 2<sup>nd</sup> March, Guests will be invited to Part One of a new course entitled *Art For Fun*. On the 9th March they have *Walk In The Park* at 10.30am before meeting again in the Arts Centre to enjoy Part Two of *Art For Fun* to finish painting the sketches from Part One.

*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.**

# TIME FOR LUNCH

## 12.30-1.30

Thursdays in Lent

starting 26<sup>th</sup> Feb

St at  
**NICOLAS**  
CRANLEIGH

Church Rooms



VEGETABLE SOUP &  
BREAD ROLL

GF option

HOMEMADE CAKE

GF option

- \* Join us on your lunch break!
- \* Bring the kids, a friend or a colleague
- \* No need to book

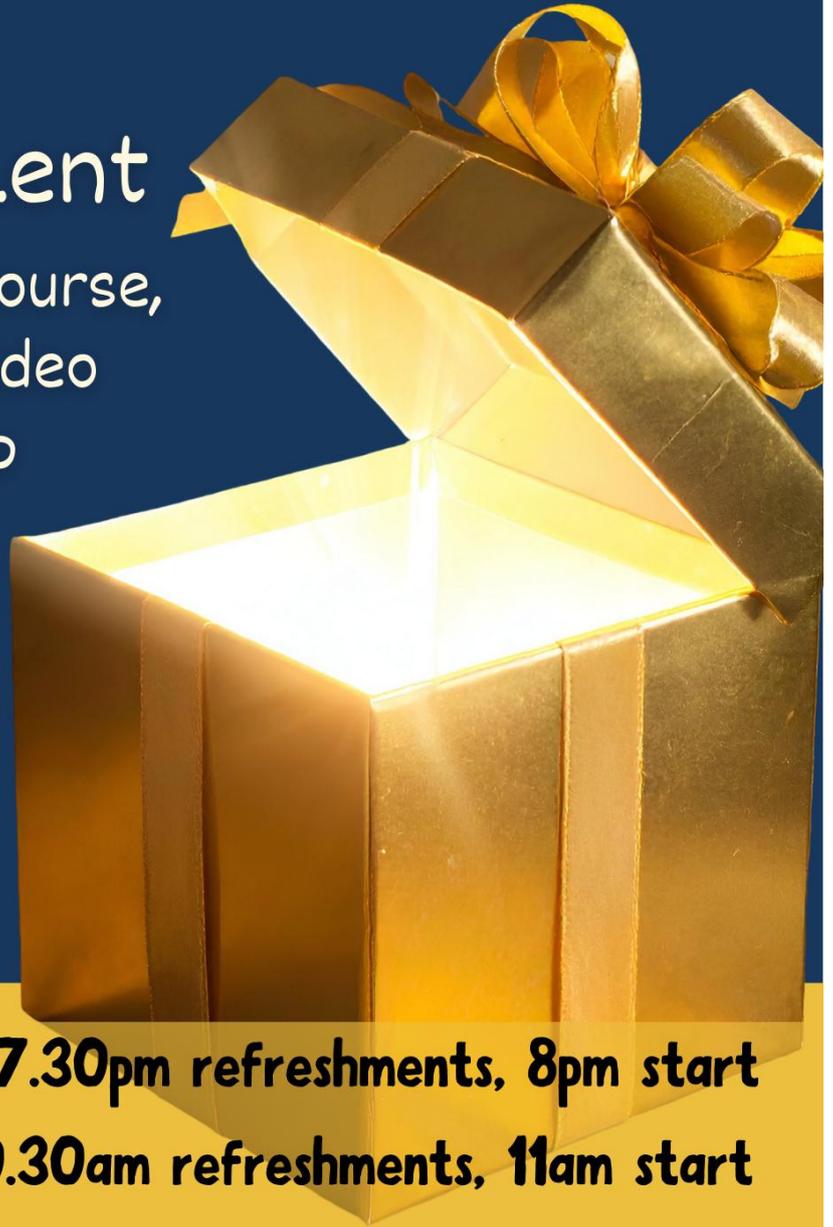
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# The Gift of Christ

what does this really mean for us in these troubling times?

Join us this Lent  
for a 5 week York Course,  
with discussion, video  
and fellowship



**Wednesday evenings: 7.30pm refreshments, 8pm start**

**Thursday mornings: 10.30am refreshments, 11am start**

Starting Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February

St  
**NICOLAS**  
CRANLEIGH

[nicola@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk](mailto:nicola@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk) for more information

## **Keep in touch**

### **Rector – (In Vacancy)**

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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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