



# St Nicolas Church, Cranleigh

## Candlemas

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

### **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February (Presentation of Christ in the Temple - Candlemas)**

8am: Holy Communion (BCP)

10am: All Age Worship

5pm: Ignite Upcycle Recycle Challenge

6pm: Choral Communion

### **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February**

10am: Sewing and Knitting Group in Church rooms

11am: Funeral of Giovanni Fontebasso at JCROM

### **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February**

12noon: Holy Communion

### **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February**

9.30am: Toddler Praise in Church Rooms

2pm: Cedar Court Communion

### **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February**

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

### **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February**

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

7pm: Ladies Night at the Richard Onslow

### **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February**

8.30: Men's Group walk (start at church) for 9.15 breakfast at Notcutts

3pm: Cantilena Candlemas Concert in Church

### **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent)**

8am: Holy Communion (CW)

10am: All Age Communion (with choir)

*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 and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

or

Lord Jesus Christ, light of the nations and glory of Israel: make your home among us, and present us pure and holy to your heavenly Father, your God, and our God.

## **INVITATION TO CONFESSION:**

Hear the words of our Saviour Jesus Christ:

‘I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me shall never walk in darkness but shall have the light of life.’ Let us therefore bring our sins into his light and confess them in penitence and faith.

## **FIRST READING: *Hebrews 2.14-end***

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

## **GOSPEL READING: *Luke 2.22-40***

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, ‘Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord’), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, ‘a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.’

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah.

Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,  
according to your word;

for my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,  
a light for revelation to the Gentiles  
and for glory to your people Israel.'

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

## **INTRODUCTION TO THE PEACE :**

In the tender mercy of our God the dayspring from on high has broken upon us, to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

## **SEASONAL PREFACE:**

It is indeed right and good, always and everywhere to give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ, who is one with you from all eternity.

For on this day he appeared in the temple in substance of our flesh to come near to us in judgement. He searches the hearts of all your people and brings to light the image of your splendour. Your servant Simeon acclaimed him as the light to lighten the nations while Anna spoke of him to all who looked for your redemption.

Destined for the falling and rising of many, he was lifted high upon the cross and a sword of sorrow pierced his mother's heart when by his sacrifice he made our peace with you. And now we rejoice and glorify your name that we, too, have seen your salvation and join with angels and archangels in their unending hymn of praise:

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER:**

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

## **BLESSING:**

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary, fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will; and the blessing . . .

# WEEKLY PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

## **Church and Christian Ministry:**

- In the Anglican cycle of Prayer – The Church of England
- In the Diocese – For St Martha's College that seeks to train men and women for ministry in our diocese
- In the Parish – For our Churchwardens Alan and Susan
- For Archbishop Sarah as she begins her new ministry

## **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 Guildford Road
- For the staff and volunteers at Guildford Cathedral, and all who pass through its doors.

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

- Helen Allen, Judy Borcik, Hazel Cherry, Claire Currie, Val Davies, Edward, Diana Faulkner, Tony Garstone, Rodney Hill, Bryn Jones, Nigel Lynn, Jean Quallington, Ray, Colin Tilbury, Val
- *(And for those with long-term prayer needs):* Atticus and his parents Clare and Alex, Neil Charman, Annie Cotterill, David, Stella Goldsmith, James Goudie, 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 Peggy Davis, Giovanni Fontebasso, Ruth Hart and Clive Stanbury.

## WEEKLY NOTICES:

**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)).

**FEBRUARY PARISH MAGAZINE** now available. Copies can be found in the display rack by the South Door. Money can be put into the wall safe. Thank you!

**LADIES NIGHT** Ladies, you are invited to join us at The Richard Onslow on 6th February at 7pm for supper. Please let Petula Sole know on 07799448311 or [petula.sole@btinternet.com](mailto:petula.sole@btinternet.com) by Tuesday, 2nd February

**MEN'S GROUP BREAKFAST** The next meeting of our Men's Group will be Saturday morning 7<sup>th</sup> of February. We are planning to meet at the church and then walk to Notcutts Garden Centre for breakfast. We'll leave at 8.30 for breakfast at 9.15, and we'll discuss during breakfast how we're going to take the Men's Group forward and how to organise a Parish Breakfast on a Sunday morning in the next couple of months. Please sign up with Erik ([erik@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk](mailto:erik@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk)), if you can't make it but would like to share your thoughts, please email Erik.

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED** 2-6<sup>th</sup> February. Nicola will still be working, but from home, so emails and phonecalls will still be actioned.

**VACANCY UPDATE** Thank you all for your continued prayers as we journey towards finding our new Rector. We were very grateful for your input and comments during our consultation period and we have done our best to incorporate all these into our 'Parish Profile and Statement of Needs', which is currently under

preparation. The Archdeacon, Area Dean, PCC and Ministry Team will all have an overview and time to inspect and approve the final presentation. Just a reminder that we are still following the timeline as originally planned, as follows:

Final draft of Parish profile completed - late February

PCC meeting to approve Profile - early March

Advertise Post - 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th April

Closing date - 28th April

Shortlisting - 19th May

Informal visits - 3rd June

Formal interviews - 4th June

Alan and I welcome any questions or concerns you may have. Please just email us or have a word when you see us in church or in the village!

**LENT – JUST WHAT ON EARTH IS GOING ON?** - Conflict between nations, modern day slavery, drug trafficking, from totalitarianism to democracy. So just where does Jesus' plan for us fit in?

You are invited to come together to share a 5 week York Course during Lent entitled 'The Gift of Christ' to explore what this gift really means for us in these troubling times, aided with video input and discussion.

Beginning Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 8.00pm and Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February 11.00am (following Time for Prayer finishing at 10.30am) these sessions will last for one hour, in church. Each session will be preceded by a half hour of light refreshments.

Sign-up sheets can be found on the cross aisle shelf.

**LENT LUNCHES 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.

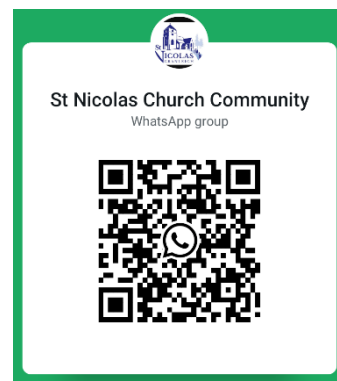
All money raised by the auction will go to church funds. **The Social Team**

**CANDLEMAS CONCERT - CANTILENA** Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 3pm in church. Tickets £15 (children £5) available from [cantilena.info@gmail.com](mailto:cantilena.info@gmail.com) or on the door. Do come along and enjoy an hour long sequence of seasonal music for female voices with readings and including works by Victoria, Lully, Mendelssohn, Berlioz and Wayne Marshall.

**MEMORY LANE** Dementia Guests enjoyed their regular rehearsal last week and socializing together whilst preparing for the Concert in April. After firstly meeting on the 2nd February, the first event the following week will be the Walk in the Park on Monday 9th February when those with dementia are encouraged to stroll around Knowle Park. Back in the Arts Centre, guests are being treated to Motoview on Monday 16th February when Zoe Susijin will bring the equipment from the Leisure Centre for all to experience during the afternoon.

*For further details on events please call Memory Lane 01483 274398 or email: [mamwild@aol.com](mailto: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, scan the QR code or 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

**£3.50** donation  
cash/card



# 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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