



St Nicolas Church, Cranleigh

Mothering Sunday

Sunday 30th March 2025

THIS WEEK:

Sunday 30th March (Mothering Sunday)

8am: Holy Communion (BCP)

10am: All Age Communion

Tuesday 1st April

10am: Elmbridge Communion

12noon: Holy Communion (BCP)

5pm: Compline for Lent

Wednesday 2nd April

9.30am: Toddler Praise (in church rooms)

9.30am: CofE Primary School Easter Service

2pm: Cedar Court Communion

2.30pm: Lent Course in Church

6pm: Lent Course in Church

Thursday 3rd April

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

5pm: Compline for Lent

Friday 4th April

10am: Little Nic's Baby & Toddler Group (in church rooms)

5pm: Compline for Lent

Sunday 6th April (5th 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

COLLECT:

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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

God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION:

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart God will not despise. Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion, and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith

FIRST READINGS: *1 Samuel 1.20-end*

In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the Lord.'

The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the Lord, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.' Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only—may the Lord establish his word.' So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, 'Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the Lord. For this child I prayed; and the Lord has granted me the petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he lives, he is given to the Lord.'

She left him there for the Lord.

GOSPEL READING: *John 19.25b-27*

And that is what the soldiers did. Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

INTRODUCTION TO THE PEACE :

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us access to his grace.

SEASONAL PREFACE:

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise, almighty God and everlasting Father, through Jesus Christ your Son. For in these forty days you lead us into the desert of repentance that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline we may grow in grace and learn to be your people once again. Through fasting, prayer and acts of service you bring us back to your generous heart. Through study of your holy word you open our eyes to your presence in the world and free our hands to welcome others into the radiant splendour of your love.

As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast with joyful hearts and minds we bless you for your mercy and join with saints and angels for ever praising you and *saying*:

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

BLESSING:

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; and the blessing

WEEKLY PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

Church and Christian Ministry:

- In the Anglican cycle of Prayer – Province of the Anglican Church of Congo
- In the Diocese – all the Parish Clergy as they prepare for Holy Week and Easter
- In the Parish – our Ministry Team, preparing and leading worship

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

Community and Family:

- For those who live in Cranleigh Mead
- For our local groups of Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Trefoil Guild.

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 Janet Lillywhite.

WEEKLY NOTICES:

RECTORY GARDEN SPRING TIDY Join us on Monday 7th 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 12th APRIL The Annual Spring Clean of the Church will take place on Saturday 12th 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.

NEXT MEN'S GROUP: PASTA AT THE RECTORY Our Men's Group meets once a month to share food, enjoy social time together, and have good conversations together! Our next meeting is Friday 4th of April at 7pm! This time we'll be hosted by Roy at the Rectory for a Pasta Night! (let us know if you have any allergies/dietary requirements). Bring your own drinks, and please do let erik@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk know if you'd like to have more information and if you want to sign up. Each night we have between 15-20 men with lots of different interests and ages, and we'd love to add you into the mix!

LADIES GROUP Would any ladies be interested in meeting Saturday morning, 5th April for coffee/brunch at Joanna's at 10.00? phone Gill Bowles 276213

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.

LOOKING FOR ACCOMODATION Harry Thomas, who regularly attends our church and works at Cedar Court is looking for accommodation in the village. He is looking for a single room, with a budget around 600£. Please get in touch with Erik if you know of a place or if you need any further information.

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.

LITTLE NIC'S TODDLERS URGENT We are on the lookout for more volunteers for our Parents, Babies and Toddlers group on Friday morning please. It doesn't have to be a weekly commitment as we can add you to a rota but we'd love to have some more people on board. Plus it's fun!!

MEMORY LANE On the 7th April, Dr Sue Tresman will be the speaker at the regular Arts Centre meeting.



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



DONATIONS: You can make an online donation in support of church funds by visiting the [website](#), clicking on the red button or scanning the QR code.

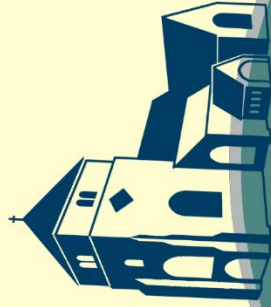


EARTH DAY

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



St
NICOLAS
CRANLEIGH

Meet by the Garden of Remembrance
in the Churchyard

3.30pm-4.15pm

MUSIC FOR A SPRING AFTERNOON

SATURDAY 10TH MAY, 3PM

St
NICOLAS
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:

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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!