



St Nicolas Church, Cranleigh

2nd Sunday of Easter

Sunday 27th April 2025

THIS WEEK:

Sunday 27th April (1st Sunday of Easter)

8am: Holy Communion (CW)

10am: Parish Communion (CW)

11.30am: Discovery

Monday 28th April

10am: Sewing and Knitting Group in Church Rooms

Tuesday 29th April

12noon: Holy Communion (BCP)

Wednesday 30th April

9.30am: Toddler Praise in Church

7.30pm: APCM in Church

Everyone is encouraged to come to the AGM to hear our report on the past year and plans for the year ahead.

Thursday 1st May

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

11.15am: Funeral of Tricia Hislop

Friday 2nd May

10am: Little Nic's Baby and Toddler Group – in church rooms

1.45pm: Funeral of Anthony Harrow

7pm: Men's Group – Pasta Night at the Rectory

Saturday 3rd May

1pm: Wedding of Alice Cranwell and Christian Page

Sunday 4th May (3rd Sunday of Easter)

8am: Holy Communion (BCP)

10am: All Age Worship

at which we welcome John Kurt, CEO of Hope International.

6pm: Choral Communion

COLLECT:

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of 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

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise 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 5.27-32*

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

GOSPEL READING: *John 20.19-31*

When it was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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:

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured
your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him:
deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the
fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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 Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean
- In the Diocese – For the Archdeacons Catharine and Martin
- In the Parish – for our Ministry Team and Churchwardens preparing for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Wednesday

National and World Affairs:

- For peace in the world, and especially in the Middle East, Ukraine and Russia and Southern Sudan
- For the world's leaders at this difficult time

Community and Family:

- For those who live in Waverleigh Road and Northdowns
- For all those affected by mental illness.

The Sick and those in Need:

- Helen Allen, Jane Bloss, Hazel Cherry, Claire Curry, Jack Lewis, Patrick, Jean Quallington, Chris Robinson, Michael Trent, 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, 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 Pope Francis, June David, Anthony Harrow, Tricia Hislop, Penelope Lowrie, Valerie Spears and Terry Ward.

WEEKLY NOTICES:

DISCOVERY STARTS A NEW TOPIC THIS WEEK!

This term's theme is "Why Do We Do That?"

Have you ever wondered why we do or say certain things in our church services?

Why do we do it? Why do we do it THAT way? What does it mean?

How can I get more out of it in my journey as a Christian?

The idea behind this topic is to look at certain parts of our church services in more depth but in an interactive way.

We will look at why we do things, what it is all about, different ways of doing it and what we get from it as part of our faith in growing as a Christian.

The first part of this series is "The Greeting" and "The Dismissal", and how we start and finish our church services.

We would love to see you there! 11.30am this Sunday.

Other Discovery service dates for your diaries below!

27th April - Greetings and Dismissal

11th May - Confession and Absolution

25th May - Bible Reading

8th June - Pentecost - there is NO Discovery Service that day

22nd June - Teaching /Sermon

29th June - Worship (singing and prayers)

13th July - Communion

FUNERAL OF TRICIA HISLOP will take place St Nicolas Church, Cranleigh Thursday 1st May 2025 at 11:15am, followed by a committal service at Guildford Crematorium.

Light Refreshments will be available at The Cranleigh Arts Centre soon after the Church Service and will continue once all have returned from the Crematorium.

THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

will be held on Wednesday 30th 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; Tel: 548824

MANY THANKS to members of the congregation for generously donating towards the Easter flowers.

IGNITE – DATES FOR NEXT TERM Please do get the following dates in your diary for our upcoming teenager events. We normally meet on Sundays from 5 to 6pm and aim to provide a space for teenagers to have fun, deepen friendships, reflect, ask questions, and be built up in the Christian faith. Our events for the summer term:

27/04/2025	Minecraft Evening
04/05/2025	Questions around Evil
18/05/2025	Brainwork: Quiz evening
01/06/2025	Stations of the Cross (this one will be from 5 to 6.30pm at Wintershall)
22/06/2025	Edible Art
06/07/2025	Bowling with the Family (parents and siblings welcome!) 2.30-4.30pm

CRANLEIGH CHORAL SOCIETY invites you to 'Come and Sing' on Saturday 17th May 2025 at St Nicolas Church Rooms. We will be rehearsing the Duruflé Requiem from 2.00pm with a break for tea and cake prior to a low key performance, concluding at 5.30pm. The cost is £10 plus the hire of the score if required. The society will be rehearsing and performing the Requiem in Spring term 2026 and so you are welcome to join us then as well. We look forward to welcoming you. For more information go to cranleighchoralsociety.org.uk.

RAFFLE PRIZES needed for Rectory Fete. Donations can be brought to the church office. Thank you

TEAS FOR CONCERT Would anyone be able to make and serve teas following the concert on Saturday 10th May in church? Donations of cakes and biscuits would also be most welcome. Please let Nicola know if you can help nicola@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk

CONFIRMATION CLASSES If you or your child would like to make a deeper commitment to the Christian faith, why not join our confirmation classes? 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.



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

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

Open COFFEE MORNING

COME AND MEET THE
Mothers' UNION

Wednesday 14th May
10am-12noon

EVERYBODY IS WELCOME!



St
NICOLAS
CRANLEIGH
CHURCH ROOMS



CAKES 4 CASH!

Sunday 18th May

Cake Sale with Coffee *after the 10am service*



Cakes please, to the church rooms on the morning, from 9am

KEEP IN TOUCH:

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

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Curate - Revd Erik Heemsker (*Day off: Monday*)

Tel: 07368 871589. Email: erik@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk

Administrator – Nicola Craven-Smith

(Works Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9.30am-1pm)

Tel: 01483 273620. Email: nicola@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk

Young People's Ministry – Claire Jones

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Safeguarding Officer – Brian Boxall

Email: brian.boxall@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk

Or for Safeguarding emergencies phone the Rector

Diocesan Safeguarding Team

Tel: 01483 790379. Email: safeguarding@cofeguildford.org.uk

Church Website: 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.

