



# St Nicolas Church, Cranleigh

## Third Sunday of Lent

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2026

### 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)**

10am: All Age Communion with choir

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

### Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March

10am: Sewing and Knitting Group in Church rooms

### Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March

10am: Elmbridge Morning Prayer

12noon: Holy Communion

### Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March

9.30am: Toddler Praise – in church

10am: Mothers Union – Lent Morning (in church rooms)

7.30pm: Lent Course – The Gift of Christ

7.30pm: PCC Meeting (in church rooms)

### Thursday 12<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 13<sup>th</sup> March

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

1.30pm: Funeral of Michael Trent

### Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March

9.30am: Posy making for Mothering Sunday (in church)

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March (Mothering Sunday)

8am: Holy Communion (BCP)

10am: All Age Communion with music group

2pm: Baptism of Savannah Boyd, Joel Boyd and Millie Callingham

5pm: Ignite Teenager Group

6pm: Choral Evensong

*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, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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**  
Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **FIRST READING: Exodus 17.1-7**

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The Lord said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?'

## **GOSPEL READING: John 4.5-42**

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.'

Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.'

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.'

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER:**

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **WEEKLY PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:**

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

*Heavenly Father, we give you thanks for Andrew, our brother and bishop: for his faith and faithfulness to you in life and in leadership.*

*As we mourn his death and commend him to your everlasting arms, give us the same faith, hope and love rooted in the death and resurrection of your son, Jesus.*

*We pray especially for Beverly, Hannah, Sam, Joe, Lydia and the whole family.*

*Comfort them with your Holy Spirit and protect them in their grief.*

*And bring us, at the last, with Andrew and all your children, to that eternal joy where you live and reign in glory forever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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

- In the Anglican cycle of Prayer – The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East
- In the Diocese – For Sarah, our Area Dean
- In the Parish – For our Men's Group

### **National and World Affairs:**

- For the crisis in the Middle East
- For those living in constant fear in places of conflict

### **Community and Family:**

- For those who live in Parklands Drive, Swallow Grove and Canvil Place
- For the Doctors working in our community

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

- 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 Bishop Andrew, Diana Faulkner, Maureen Kay and Michael Trent.

## **WEEKLY NOTICES:**

**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 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.

**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.

**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.

On the 9th March guests 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

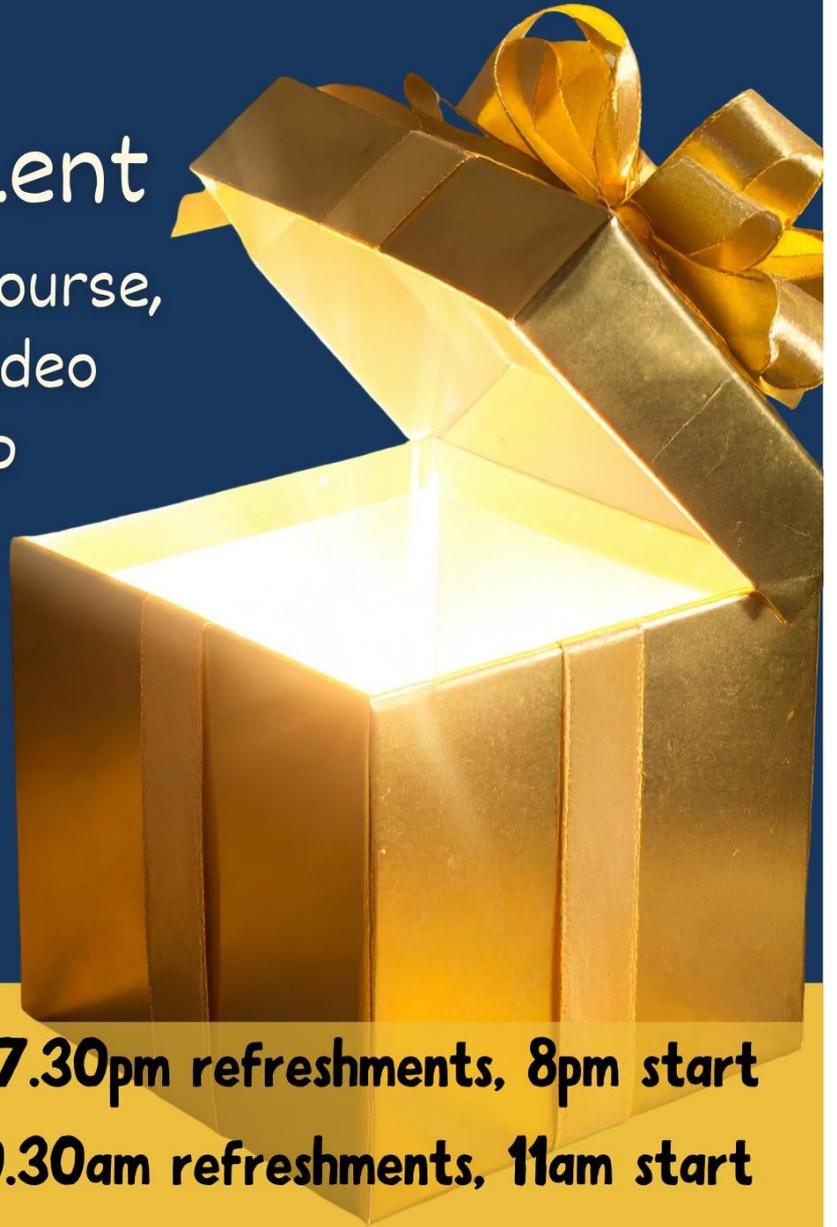
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# The Gift of Christ

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

# Auction *of* Promises



*with cheese and wine*

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm**

**in St Nicolas Church Rooms**

**Come prepared to bid for a range of tempting offers!**

**A list of promises will be available before the event**



from members of the social team or the church office

**All proceeds from the auction will go to Church Funds**



## **Keep in touch**

### **Rector – (In Vacancy)**

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

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**Church Website:** [www.stnicolascranleigh.org.uk](http://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? 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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