



St Nicolas Church, Cranleigh

6th Sunday of Easter

Sunday 10th May 2026

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8am: Holy Communion (CW)

10am: All Age Communion with choir
followed by Cake Sale in Church Rooms

Tuesday 12th May

12noon: Holy Communion

6pm: Elmbridge Evensong

Wednesday 13th May

10am: Mothers Union in Church Rooms

7.30pm: PCC Meeting in church rooms

Thursday 14th May

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

6pm: Ascension Day Service at Wintershall Followed by BYO Picnic (email nicola@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk if you intend to come!)

8pm: Baptism and Confirmation Preparation Group

Friday 15th May

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

Saturday 16th May

10am: Baptism and Confirmation Preparation Group

Sunday 17th May – 7th Sunday of Easter

8am: Holy Communion (BCP)

10am: All Age Communion with music group

1pm: Baptism of Georgiana Talmage

4pm: Junior Ignite

5pm: Ignite

6pm: Ascension 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:

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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
Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father.

FIRST READING: Acts 17.22-31

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, ‘Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, “To an unknown god.” What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said,

“For we too are his offspring.”

Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.’

GOSPEL READING: John 14.15-21

'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

ANTHEM FOR TODAY: RIKKYO SCHOOL HYMN

A CROSS ON OKINAWA'S

1. A cross stands on Okinawa's shore,
When we gather, holding one another, and pray,
The wind from the sea speaks softly to me
Of a land where countless lives were lost.

Life is the treasure, every small life,
Life is the treasure, abundant and full.

2. The sea was stained with blood, hope torn away,
In caves, fading lives slipped into silence.
To voices that cried out, longing for salvation,
O Lord, where were You then?

3. The cross raised on Okinawa's shore
Still bears witness to unending pain.
Yet the cross speaks of new life—
A word that calls us on to live.

Christianity was first brought to Okinawa by Bernard Jean Bettelheim, who was sent to Okinawa in 1846 by the London Missionary Society. At that time, Japan was largely closed to foreigners, but the Ryukyu Kingdom allowed limited contact through its ports. Okinawans had previously rescued the crew of a shipwrecked British naval vessel. This act of kindness helped create goodwill and encouraged British interest in establishing a presence in Ryukyu. Mission societies saw this as an opportunity, viewing Ryukyu as a possible gateway to Japan. Bettelheim, who volunteered for the mission, hoped both to share Christianity and to build on these early ties between Okinawa and Britain.

- The Battle of Okinawa and the "Gama"(caves)

Okinawa is the homeland of the Ryukyuan people, an indigenous people with their own distinct languages, culture, and history. Before becoming part of Japan in the late 19th century, Okinawa was the independent Ryukyu Kingdom.

The Battle of Okinawa (April–June 1945) was one of the bloodiest battles of World War II, fought between Japanese and American forces on the island of Okinawa. It resulted in the deaths of over 200,000 people, including a very large number of civilians.

During the battle, many Okinawan civilians sought refuge in natural limestone caves called "gama." These caves were used as shelters, field hospitals, and hiding places from bombardment. However, conditions inside were extremely harsh—crowded, unsanitary, and dangerous—and many people died there from injuries, illness, starvation, or forced mass suicides under the pressures of war.

The hymn commemorates the cries and prayers of those who, driven into caves, sought refuge in their suffering.

WEEKLY PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

Church and Christian Ministry:

- In the Anglican cycle of Prayer – The church of Pakistan
- In the Diocese – For all clergy in the diocese as they meet this week in Swanwick for a three-day conference and for all those who
- In the Parish – For Wintershall as they host us this Thursday as we celebrate Ascension Day with a 6pm service and picnic on Thursday

National and World Affairs:

- For those living in constant fear in places of conflict

Community and Family:

- For those who live in Parkgate Cottages, Birchwood and Brackenwood
- For Claire and Steff, and for our Trackers, Junior Ignite and Ignite groups and volunteers.

The Sick and those in Need:

- Judy Borcik, Hazel Cherry, Claire Currie, Val Davies, Edward, Diana Fowler, Bryn Jones, Pamela Lempriere, Nigel Lynn, Roger Pilling, 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, Helen Allen, Jane, Kirsty, Lottie Lack, 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, Muriel Young

The Departed:

All we have known and loved, who have left us through the years, especially at this time Major Jack Lewis, Bruce Whitelaw and Eric Wood.

WEEKLY NOTICES:

URGENT We need someone to run our raffle at the Rectory Fete. This stall brings in around £500 each year so it would be a huge shame not to have it

this year. If you can take this on, please contact Richard Tuck (richard@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk). Thank you

DONATE A BOOK Our current copies of **THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER** are becoming rather tired, and we would love to update our collection. There is a sample of the new, larger-print edition at the back of the church for you to view.

Donate a Book: Each book costs £15. If you would like to donate one (or more), we will, if you wish, include a commemorative bookplate inside the cover. This can be marked as "Donated by" or "In memory of" a loved one.

To donate: please email nicola@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk with the number of books you wish to donate and the name(s) for the bookplate.

- Cash: Deliver to the church office.
- BACS: 'Cranleigh PCC' | Sort Code: 30-94-41 | Acc: 01805965

PHOTOS WANTED If you have any hi-res photos of Christmas 2025 at St Nicolas (Christmas tree festival, or any other festive scenes of the church or churchyard) that you would be happy for us to use for publicity, please email them to Nicola@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk Thank you!

CAFETIERES If anyone has a cafetiere they no longer use, that they wish to donate to the church rooms kitchen, please do drop it into the church office. Thank you

LUMOS CONCERT come and enjoy the music of Ludovico Einaudi in the candlelit church on the evening of 22nd May. See poster on p9 for more details. There are a limited number of discounted Gold tickets available, using code WELCOME15 (use on checkout)

1170 in partnership with Cranleigh Arts are pleased to announce that our Heritage Day will close with a concert by The London Community Gospel Choir in St Nicolas church. Tickets are now on sale at Cranleigh arts. For further details see poster

MEMORY LANE had a most successful concert on the 25th April and now the fully recovered team would like to thank the St Nicolas Cake Making Team for kindly making those additional cakes which were so well appreciated during the interval of Musical Memories. The introduction of a

Dementia Choir was well appreciated and plans are being made to perform in Elmbridge Village also. Cedar Court Care Home have commenced preparations for Memory Lane to perform in early Summer. After all expenditure of the production were met, Memory Lane were able to donate £380 to Alzheimer Research. After the monthly Walk in the Park on the 11th May Memory Lane return to the Arts Centre on the 18th May with another topical & joyful programme for their Guests.

For further details : 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.

ASCENSION DAY

14th May

6pm



**Service at
Wintershall Estate
-
followed by BYO
picnic tea**

please email nicola@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk if you plan to attend, so we can give them an idea of numbers.

17th May

6pm

**Ascension Choral
Evensong at
St Nicolas Church**

**We are pleased to welcome back
Roy Woodhams to play the organ.**



LUMOS

A Ludovico Einaudi Candlelight Experience

an unforgettable evening of music in an enchanting
indoor setting

St Nicolas Church Office, Church Ln,
Cranleigh GU6 8AR
Friday 22nd May
2 Sittings: 7-8pm | 9-10pm



Book tickets now!
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LONDON COMMUNITY GOSPEL CHOIR

SEPT 12

8:00 PM

St. Nicolas Church, Cranleigh, GU6 8AR

Tickets £30 with a glass of wine included

Kindly sponsored by



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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? 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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