



St Nicolas Church Cranleigh

Easter Day

Sunday 20th April 2025



THE LORD IS RISEN!
ALLELUIA!

THIS WEEK:

Sunday 20th April (Easter Sunday)

7.30am: Easter Ceremonies and Holy Communion

10am: All Age Communion

6pm: Festival Choral Evensong

Tuesday 22nd April

12noon: Holy Communion (BCP)

Wednesday 23rd April

9.30am: Toddler Praise in Church

Thursday 24th April

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

11.30am: Funeral of Ian Ross

Friday 25th April

10am: MU Communion

10am: Little Nic's Baby and Toddler Group – in Church Rooms

Sunday 27th April (1st Sunday of Easter)

8am: Holy Communion (CW)

10am: Parish Communion (CW)

11.30am: Discovery

COLLECT:

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity.

or

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

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 10.34-43*

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

GOSPEL READING: *John 20.1-18*

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been

on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." ' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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:

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 – Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui
- In the Diocese – for the clergy in all the parishes of the diocese as we celebrate Easter
- In the Parish – for our mission to reach out into the community as a church which is Caring, Sharing and Daring

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, and especially at this time the people of Myanmar

Community and Family:

- For those who live in Steed Way, Stable Close, Shire Close
- For animals and wildlife, that we care for God's creation.

The Sick and those in Need:

- Helen Allen, Jane Bloss, Hazel Cherry, Claire Curry, Jack Lewis, Patrick, Jean Quallington, Margaret Tilbury, 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 Anthony Harrow, Tricia Hislop, Ian Ross, Valerie Spears, Terry Ward

WEEKLY NOTICES:

THANK YOU To everyone who has worked so hard to decorate the church and make Easter happen in so many different ways!

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

CHURCH OFFICE The Office will reopen on Wednesday 23rd April for holiday.

ST ANDREWS CHURCH AT GRAFHAM will be open on Easter Monday 21 April, 11am - 4pm. See the tiny church full of Easter flowers. Homemade refreshments will be available. Parking in the old school car park just below the church.

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

MOTHERS UNION are in need of some plastic storage boxes to store MU items in our cupboard and make it easier to carry things to meetings. If you have any that you no longer need, or if you would be prepared to donate toward purchasing some, please let Jane Etherington or Katherine Tuck know. Many thanks.

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 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.

MEMORY LANE have their walk at 10.30am around Knowle Park on 12th May, but unfortunately there will be no Memory Lane in the Arts Centre on Easter Monday.



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

EASTER SUNDAY

20TH APRIL

7.30AM:

EASTER CEREMONIES &
HOLY COMMUNION

10AM:

ALL AGE COMMUNION

6PM:

FESTIVAL CHORAL
EVENSONG



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



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!



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.

