



St Nicolas Church, Cranleigh

Epiphany 2

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Sunday 18th January 2026

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8am: Holy Communion (BCP)

10am: All Age Communion (with music group)

We are pleased to be joined by Archdeacon Catharine Mabuza who will be leading and preaching at this service.

1pm: Baptism of George Gissel

3pm: Ecumenical Service for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, at Jesus Christ Redeemer of Mankind. Followed by refreshments.

5pm: Ignite Teenager Group: Win It in A Minute Challenge

Monday 19th January

10am: Sewing and Knitting Group in Church rooms

Tuesday 20th January

10am: Elmbridge Communion

12noon: Holy Communion

Wednesday 21st January

9.30am: Toddler Praise in Church Rooms

11.45am: Funeral of Bob Blythman

2.30pm: Knowle Park Communion

Thursday 22nd January

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

Friday 23rd January

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

10am: MU Communion

2pm: Funeral of Olga Clark

Sunday 25th January (Epiphany 3)

8am: Holy Communion (CW)

10am: All Age Communion (with Choir)

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:

Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord.

or

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION:

The grace of God has dawned upon the world through our Saviour Jesus Christ, who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own. Let us confess our sins.

FIRST READING: 1 Corinthians 1.1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

GOSPEL READING: *John 1.29-42*

The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.'

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

INTRODUCTION TO THE PEACE :

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end.

SEASONAL PREFACE:

All honour and praise be yours always and everywhere, mighty creator, ever-living God, through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord: for at this time we celebrate your glory made present in our midst. In the coming of the Magi the King of all the world was revealed to the nations. In the waters of baptism Jesus was revealed as the Christ, the Saviour sent to

redeem us. In the water made wine the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast. Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy. Therefore with all the angels of heaven we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

BLESSING:

Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom; and the blessing . . .

WEEKLY PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

Church and Christian Ministry:

- In the Anglican cycle of Prayer – Province of the Anglican Church of the Congo
- In the Diocese – For Sarah, our Area Dean
- In the Parish – For Steff and our Ignite leaders, for the plans for ‘Ignite Junior’ and for all our teens and tweens

National and World Affairs:

- For the fragile peace process in the Middle East
- For those living in constant fear in places of conflict

Community and Family:

- For those who live in Stillwater close and Broadleaves Close
- For Michael Clarke and for the choir and music group

The Sick and those in Need:

- Helen Allen, Judy Borcik, Hazel Cherry, Claire Currie, Val Davies, Edward, Diana Faulkner, Tony Garstone, Rodney Hill, Bryn Jones, Nigel Lynn, 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, 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 Bob Blythman, Olga Clark, Peggy Davis, Giovanni Fontebasso and Ruth Hart.

WEEKLY NOTICES:

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL- FINAL TOTAL We are delighted to confirm that we raised £3100 at our Christmas Tree Festival. Thank you to everyone who made it possible.

TAIZÉ WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY The Catholic community invite you to an ecumenical Taizé evening on WEDS 21st JAN at 7.30 pm in the Church of Jesus Christ Redeemer of Mankind. Everyone is welcome, particularly musicians, singers and instrumentalists from other church families in Cranleigh.

LENT – JUST WHAT ON EARTH IS GOING ON? - Conflict between nations, modern day slavery, drug trafficking, from totalitarianism to democracy. So just where does Jesus' plan for us fit in?

You are invited to come together to share a 5 week York Course during Lent entitled 'The Gift of Christ' to explore what this gift really means for us in these troubling times, aided with video input and discussion.

Beginning Wednesday 25th February 8.00pm and Thursday 26th February 11.00am (following Time for Prayer finishing at 10.30am) these sessions will last for one hour, in church. Each session will be preceded by a half hour of light refreshments.

Sign-up sheets can be found on the cross aisle shelf.

IGNITE! has been running for a couple of years now and is for our teens from Year 7 upwards. They meet every other Sunday 5-6pm in the Church Rooms.

We have a group of Tweens (Year 5's upwards) who are mostly siblings of the current Ignite group who would LOVE to join Ignite. We would really like to set up a group for the Tweens on a Sunday afternoon (between 4 and 5pm) but need several volunteers to help. Steff is happy to lead the activities but needs volunteers/pairs of hands to help please!!

The more volunteers we have, the better as we can develop a rota of volunteers so please consider if you would like to help either group!

If you are interested or would like to know more, please contact Steff or Katherine for an informal chat on what the role would involve.

steff@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk / safeguarding@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk

BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH 2026 -23rd -25th JANUARY St Nicolas is signed up to take part in this as part of our Eco Church activities. If you would like to be involved please contact Sue, by 16th January, on susan.tresman@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk.

CHURCHYARD MAINTENANCE Thanks to the mowing team and those who strim and deal with other necessary tasks, we aim to keep the churchyard very well throughout the year. We do deliberately leave perimeters and other areas wild for wildlife to flourish.

I'll be drawing up the mowing rota later this month - we always need more helpers so if you can spare a few hours a year to mow or maintain, please let me know. It's all good exercise!

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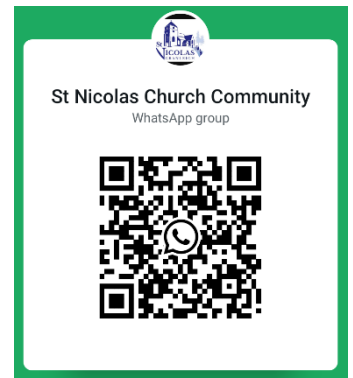
CANDLEMAS CONCERT - CANTILENA Saturday 7th February at 3pm in church. Tickets £15 (children £5) available from cantilena.info@gmail.com or on the door. Do come along and enjoy an hour long sequence of seasonal music for female voices with readings and including works by Victoria, Lully, Mendelssohn, Berlioz and Wayne Marshall.

MEMORY LANE has a special presentation this Monday when Dr Jill Rasmussen returns to update Carers and Team on the latest help and developments for those experiencing dementia and their carers. Dr

Rasmussen is a National Authority on Alzheimer's who advises both the Royal College of General Practitioners and Parliament, so Memory Lane are especially grateful for all the advice given in her presentations. This meeting is open to visitors from 3pm until 4pm in the Arts Centre. Before meeting on the 2nd February, the Memory Lane Music Group will be spending time with the Dementia Choir rehearsing for their next concert on the 25th April.

For further details 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, scan the QR code or 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.

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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