



St Nicolas Church, Cranleigh
2nd Sunday before Lent
Sunday 8th February 2026

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8am: Holy Communion (CW)

10am: All Age Communion (with choir)

Monday 9th February

10am: Sewing and Knitting Group in Church rooms

Tuesday 10th February

10am: Elmbridge Morning Prayer

12noon: Holy Communion

7pm: Deanery Synod at Christ Church Shamley Green – All are welcome,
includes Lent reflection: *Lent - what do we need for the journey*

Wednesday 11th February

9.30am: Toddler Praise in Church Rooms

7.30pm: PCC Meeting

Thursday 12th February

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

1.30pm: Funeral of Clive Stanbury at Guildford Crematorium

Friday 13th February

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

Sunday 15th February (Sunday next before Lent)

8am: Holy Communion (BCP)

10am: All Age Communion (with music group)

1pm: Baptism of Louie Ramsay

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, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever.

or

Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord.

FIRST READING: *Romans 8.18-25*

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

GOSPEL READING: *Matthew 6.25-end*

‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive

today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ‘So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour’s cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

WEEKLY PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

Church and Christian Ministry:

- In the Anglican cycle of Prayer – Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui
- In the Diocese – For our Diocesan Safeguarding team and Katherine our Parish Safeguarding Officer
- In the Parish – For Claire as she leads our Trackers and her work with young people and families, for those who support her and for all our Trackers

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 Victoria Road and Sarus Place
- For the staff and members of Cranleigh Sports and Social Club

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 Colin Cooper, Peggy Davis, Ruth Hart and Clive Stanbury.

WEEKLY NOTICES:

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.

PALM CROSSES FOR ASHES Please can you bring your last year's palm crosses to church so that they can be burned to provide ash for our Ash Wednesday services. Thank you.

A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP PETER It is great to be out and about again. Like many other people over recent months I had a virus which laid me low for several weeks. Someone must have heard about it, as a case of 24 cans of Mackeson Stout were delivered to the parish office with my name on it. I don't know who sent them, so I don't know who to thank, but they certainly seem to have made a real difference! So many thanks. If it was you, or you know who gave them to me, let me know! Cheers, Peter Hancock

CHURCH OFFICE Nicola will be working from home w/c 9th February, and then on holiday w/c 16th February. Normal service will hopefully resume w/c 23rd February!

CONFIRMATION We have had some people asking about being confirmed and we would love to get a Confirmation Service organised. Confirmation means to commit yourself publicly to Christ and His Church, take on the baptism promises that were made for you if you were baptised as a child, and it means the Bishop prays for God's Holy Spirit to be with you as you try to be a follower of Jesus. If you haven't been baptised we'd of course also love you to join and be baptised! Would you like to know more? Please talk to Erik or send him a message (erik@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk).

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.

VACANCY UPDATE Thank you all for your continued prayers as we journey towards finding our new Rector.

We were very grateful for your input and comments during our consultation period and we have done our best to incorporate all these into our 'Parish Profile and Statement of Needs', which is currently under preparation. The Archdeacon, Area Dean, PCC and Ministry Team will all have an overview and time to inspect and approve the final presentation. Just a reminder that we are still following the timeline as originally planned, as follows:

Final draft of Parish profile completed - late February
PCC meeting to approve Profile - early March
Advertise Post - 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th April
Closing date - 28th April
Shortlisting - 19th May
Informal visits - 3rd June
Formal interviews - 4th June

Alan and I welcome any questions or concerns you may have. Please just email us or have a word when you see us in church or in the village!

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.

LENT LUNCHES 2026 As part of our commitment to use our new kitchen to serve community lunches, we are planning a series of Lent lunches, to take place in the Church Rooms 12.30pm-1.30pm every Thursday during Lent,

starting on February 26th. To include vegetable soup, a bread roll and home-made cake for a £3.50 donation. Gluten-free available.

Please put these Thursdays in your diary now. If you are in Cranleigh on a Thursday lunchtime you will be most welcome and do bring a family member, friend or colleague! No need to book in advance.

ADVANCE NOTICE Another date for your diary. **Saturday 25th 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!

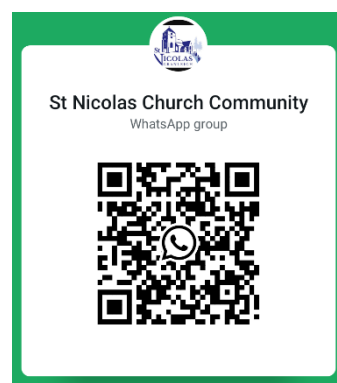
Please note, for safeguarding reasons, your offers should not involve children, going into someone else's home, driving someone in your car, or handling their money.

All money raised by the auction will go to church funds. The Social Team

MEMORY LANE will enjoy a Walk in the Park on Monday 9th February when those with dementia are encouraged to stroll around Knowle Park. Back in the Arts Centre, guests are being treated to Motoview on Monday 16th February when Zoe Susijin will bring the equipment from the Leisure Centre for all to experience during the afternoon.

For further details on 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, 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.

TIME FOR LUNCH

12.30-1.30

Thursdays in Lent

starting 26th 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

£3.50 donation
cash/card



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 25th February

St
NICOLAS
CRANLEIGH

nicola@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk for more information

Keep in touch

Rector – (In Vacancy)

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

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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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