



St Nicolas Church, Cranleigh
Sunday next before Lent
Sunday 15th February 2026

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8am: Holy Communion (BCP)

followed by coffee and croissants!

10am: All Age Communion (with music group)

1pm: Baptism of Louie Ramsay

5pm: Ignite – Cupcake Wars

6pm: Choral Evensong

Monday 16th February

8.30am: Church windows being cleaned

10am: Sewing and Knitting Group in Church rooms

Tuesday 17th February (Shrove Tuesday)

10am: Elmbridge Communion

12noon: *No Communion – moved to Wednesday*****

Wednesday 18th February (Ash Wednesday)

9.30am: No Toddler Praise – on half term break

12noon: Communion Service with Ashes

2.30pm: Knowle Park Communion

7.30pm: Choral Communion with Ashes

Thursday 19th February

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

Friday 20th February

9.30am: No Little Nic's Baby and Toddler Group – on half term break

12noon: Funeral of Ruth Hart

Sunday 22nd February (1st Sunday of Lent)

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:

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

or

Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord.

FIRST READING: 2 Peter 1.16-end

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 17.1-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud

overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

WEEKLY PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

Church and Christian Ministry:

- In the Anglican cycle of Prayer – The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean
- In the Diocese – For Bishop Andrew, his wife Beverly and their family
- In the Parish – For Martin and our team of Pastoral Assistants

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 Thistley Lane and The Ridings.
- For all other religious communities in Cranleigh.

The Sick and those in Need:

- Bishop Andrew, 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, 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, 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, Ruth Hart and Michael Trent.

WEEKLY NOTICES:

A STATEMENT ON BISHOP ANDREW'S HEALTH

The Rt Revd Andrew Watson, Bishop of Guildford, has today written a letter to people across the diocese updating them on his health.

A Diocese of Guildford spokesperson said:

“Following a series of recent medical investigations, Bishop Andrew has very sadly been diagnosed with inoperable cancer.

He has written directly to clergy and others across the diocese, to share this news and to welcome their prayers for him and his family.

Having only just received this diagnosis, Bishop Andrew is currently awaiting further information regarding medical options to support his comfort and care. He has advised colleagues across the diocese that he hopes to continue in his responsibilities as Bishop of Guildford for as long as his health permits.

Further information regarding any practical implications and next steps will be shared in the coming weeks.

We ask that you keep Bishop Andrew, his wife Beverly, and their family in your thoughts and prayers during this extremely challenging time.”

Parish Breakfast date for your diary.

The St Nicolas Men's Group will be serving up a delicious breakfast from 8.45 to 9.30 on 8 March. Watch out for further details next week

FLOWER ARRANGING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 14 March: Posy making for Mothering Sunday. 9.30 -10.30 in church. "All hands on deck"! It's fun and easy to do. Bring scissors. More details in the March Parish Magazine.

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.

FOR SALE I have some bowls of TETE-A -TETE miniature daffodils for sale - ALL proceeds will go to the Rectory Fete Plant Stall. Prices range from £5 to £10. I will bring them to church for the 10am Service on SUN 22nd FEB. Please bring cash and support this. (I could deliver in Cranleigh if necessary) Win Bracking 275573

SAFEGUARDING The Diocesan safeguarding dashboard is used to measure how well we are performing as a parish in safeguarding.

We have been working toward reaching level 3 and I am pleased to be able to say that we attained that this week.

Thank you to you all for keeping safeguarding a priority in our church and for supporting all that needs to be done to keep St Nicolas a safe place for all. Katherine Tuck, PSO

RECYCLING We now have (placed at the back of church) two boxes for recycling empty blister packs from tablets and used postage stamps (which will be sent to a central site for supporting charities)

Please bring your contributions! Many thanks from the Eco team

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.

CHURCH OFFICE Nicola is 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! Alan and Susan, Churchwardens.

LENT How are we supposed to understand how our Christian life can strengthen our special relationship with Jesus Christ, when the world that God created for our special relationship with Him is in such dire straits? Sharing with others how that is for you and our Church family would be a good way forward.

In the church for an hour for 5 weeks from Wednesday 25th February from 7.30pm for 8.00pm and Thursday 26th February from 10.30am for 11.00am (each preceded by a half hour of light refreshments), you are invited to come to share with others the York Course during Lent entitled 'The Gift of Christ - responding and living fruitfully', to explore what this gift really means for us.

Week 1. 25/26 February - The generosity of God

Week 2. 4/5 March - Finding our gift

Week 3. 11/12 March - Being with Jesus and being fruitful

Week 4. 18/19 March - When things go wrong – getting back on track

Week 5. 25/26 March - God changes everything – it's all good

You are invited to use the sign-up sheets to be found on the cross aisle shelf.

LENT LUNCHEES 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 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

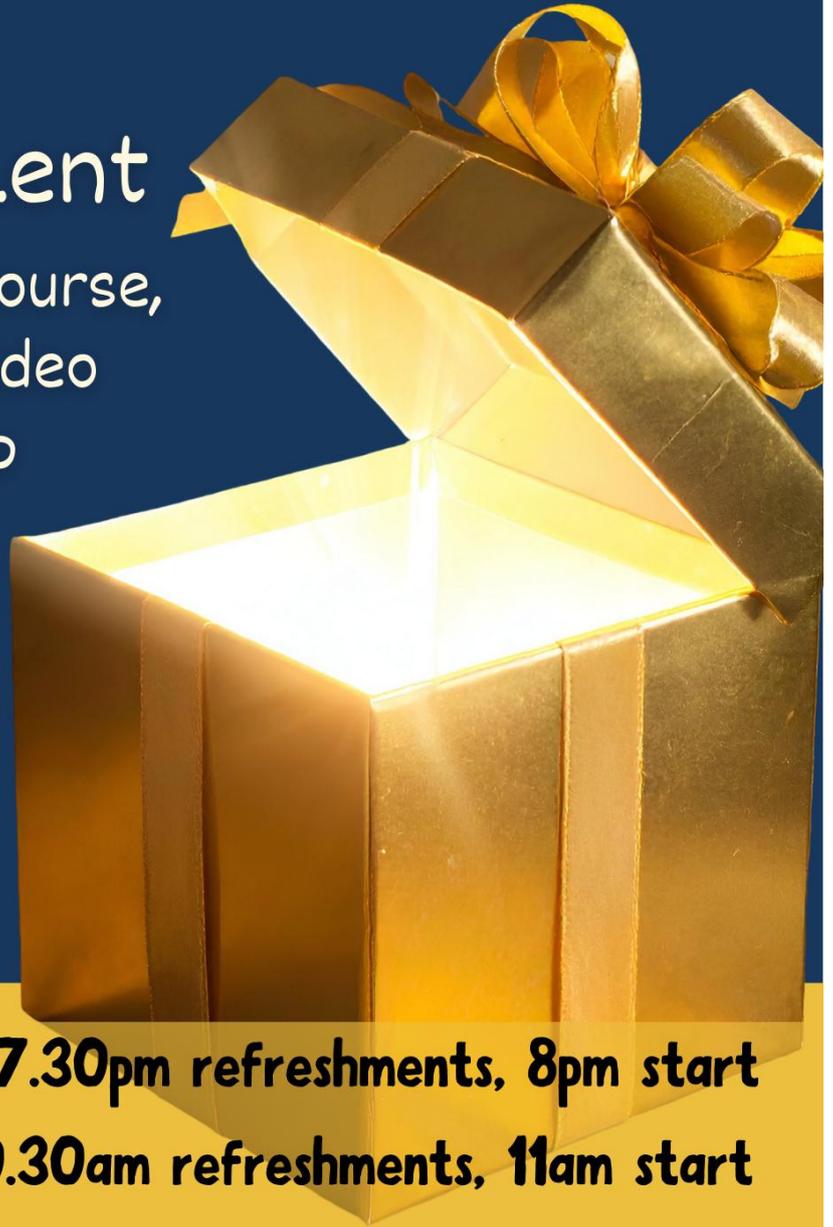
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The Gift of Christ

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 25th February

St
NICOLAS
CRANLEIGH

nicola@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk for more information

Keep in touch

Rector – (In Vacancy)

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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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