



St Nicolas Church, Cranleigh

5th Sunday of Easter

Sunday 18th May 2025

THIS WEEK:

Sunday 18th May (5th Sunday of Easter)

8am: Holy Communion (BCP)

10am: All Age Communion

Followed by Cake Sale for Christian Aid

1pm: Baptism of Rosa Kathleen Martin and Kai Nathan Martin

6pm: Said Evensong with Hymns

Monday 19th May

10am: Sewing and Knitting Group in church rooms

Tuesday 20th May

10am: Elmbridge Communion

12noon: Holy Communion (BCP)

Wednesday 21st May

2.30pm: Knowle Park Communion

Thursday 22nd May

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

12.30: Funeral of Sylvia Wenman

Friday 23rd May

10am: Little Nic's Baby and Toddler Group – in church rooms

10am: MU Communion

Saturday 24th May

9am: Church Halls Spring Clean

Sunday 25th May (6th Sunday of Easter)

8am: Holy Communion (CW)

10am: Parish Communion

11.30am: Discovery Service

COLLECT:

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

or

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father.

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 11.1-18*

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the

angel standing in his house and saying, “Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.” And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, “John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?’ When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, ‘Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.’

GOSPEL READING: *John 13.31-35*

When he had gone out, Jesus said, ‘Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, “Where I am going, you cannot come.” I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.’

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:

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:
grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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 – The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East
- In the Diocese – For the Clergy at Guildford Cathedral: Bob Cooper (Dean), Rachel Young (Canon Liturgist) and Chris Hollingshurst (Canon Pastor)
- In the Parish – for our new Parish Giving team who meet this week

National and World Affairs:

- For peace in the world, and especially in the Middle East, Ukraine and Russia, India and Pakistan and Southern Sudan

Community and Family:

- For those who live in Stillwater Close, Broadleaves Close
- For our organist Michael, and our choir and music group

The Sick and those in Need:

- Helen Allen, Hazel Cherry, Claire Curry, Jack Lewis, Patrick, Jean Quallington, Chris Robinson, 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, Stella Goldsmith, James Goudie, Jane, Bryn Jones, Kirsty, Lottie Lack, Sheila McSorley, Mo, Brian Pettyfer, Ron Reynolds, Peggy Ringshall, Martin Root, Steff Shepherd, Sheila Smith, Dolores Spurgeon, Bert Steed, Val Thorogood, Michael Trent, Marilyn Wood

The Departed:

- All we have known and loved, who have left us through the years, and especially at this time Jane Bloss, May Brown, Penelope Lowrie and Sylvia Wenman.

WEEKLY NOTICES:

CHURCH CAR PARK REMINDER parking is free on Sundays, but if you regularly visit the church during the week, for services, volunteering or other reasons, and would like to be exempt from paying to park, please give your name and car registration to Nicola in the office and she will add you to the database.

SEPTEMBER 13TH is Heritage Day in Cranleigh and St Nicolas Church.

We will be having a display of Archived material and tours of the Church. We need Stewards for the church to be welcoming and be able to engage with visitors to help them benefit the most from their visit.



Please let Linda King - 17lmking@gmail.com know if you could do anytime between 10am and 4 pm. Thank you

CAKES FOR CHRISTIAN AID Cakes of all sorts are needed to stock the “Cakes 4 Cash” stall on Sunday 18 May, please. Large, small, fruit, scones, maybe savoury! Bring along on the morning, 8oclock service onwards. Many thanks! Barbara Pearson 01483273724.

ANNUAL GDPR UPDATE We are conducting our annual GDPR review, and as such, if you have changed your name, address, telephone number, mobile number or email address in the last 12 months or since returning your original GDPR form, we would be grateful if you could complete a new form. Paper copies will be in the back of church and in the church office, or you can complete the form online [here](#)

You can view the details we hold for you, at any time, by contacting the Church Office.

VOLUNTEER READING If you are interested in spending a little time listening to children read in Cranleigh Primary School, please see the Rector

CHURCH ROOMS SPRING CLEAN Saturday 24th May from 9am. Please come and lend a hand as we deep clean the kitchen and kitchenette in the Church Rooms. Thank you

DRIVERS NEEDED FOR LIFTS TO CHURCH please, for Judy Murdoch who would like to attend church at 8am on the 1st and 3rd Sundays, and 10am on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays of the month. Lifts would be picking up from, and returning to, Park Mead. Please let the office know if you can help. Thank you

RECTORY FETE – 12TH JULY

Preparation for our annual fete is well underway. Thank you to those already signed up to run stalls.

Help still needed:

- Additional helpers for the refreshments stall
- Donations for stalls - please make contact directly with the stall holder on the list below. **There is very limited space in the church office for storing donations, so please do deliver straight to the stallholder wherever possible.**
- Set up on July 11th from 2pm onwards If you can help, please contact me directly.
- Take down at 3 pm on the 12th. This truly is a case of many hands make light work so please help if you can.

Thank you. Richard 07488593446 rctuck100@gmail.com

Stall	Holder	Contact Phone	Contact E mail
Plants	Win Bracking	275573	roganwin@googlemail.com
Cakes	Mother's Union	274319	etheringtonjane@yahoo.co.uk
Raffle	Sue Trundle		trundel@btinternet.com

Bottle tombola	Jennifer Hall		annja58@icloud.com
Adult Books	Margie Nursey	273693	stnicnot@gmail.com
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Puzzles	Anne Lock		annielock@btinternet.com
Face Painting	Nicola Craven-Smith	273620	nicola@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk

REGIFTING STALL Thank you for all the donations so far to the regifting stall. Please can we remind everyone that donations to this stall should be **new, unused items, preferably in original packaging**, (i.e. unwanted gifts you have received yourself, or bought and not given) not used bric-a-brac. Items should be things which you would buy from the stall to give as a gift to somebody (or to treat yourself!!). Thank you, Sue and Katherine.



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

KEEP IN TOUCH:

Rector - Revd Canon Roy Woodhams (*Day off: Monday*)

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Or for Safeguarding emergencies phone the Rector

Diocesan Safeguarding Team

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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](#), clicking on the red button or scanning the QR code.

