



St Nicolas Church, Cranleigh

1st Sunday of Lent

Sunday 9th March 2025

THIS WEEK:

Sunday 9th March (1st Sunday of Lent)

8am: Holy Communion (CW)

10am: Parish Communion

11.30am: Discovery

3pm: Screening of 'Chocolat' in preparation for Lent course

Monday 10th March

10am: Sewing and Knitting Group (in church rooms)

Tuesday 11th March

10am: Elmbridge Morning Service

12noon: Holy Communion (BCP)

5pm: Compline

Wednesday 12th March

9.30am: Toddler Praise (in church rooms)

2.30pm: Lent Course in Church

6pm: Lent Course in Church

7.30pm: PCC meeting in Church Rooms

Thursday 13th March

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

1.30pm: Funeral of Phyllis Belmore

5pm: Compline

Friday 14th March

10am: Little Nic's Baby & Toddler Group (in church rooms)

5pm: Compline

Sunday 16th March (2nd Sunday of Lent)

8am: Holy Communion (BCP)

10am: All Age Communion

6pm: Choral Evensong

COLLECT:

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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.

or

Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION:

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart God will not despise.
Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion,
and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith

FIRST READINGS: *Romans 10.8b-13*

But what does it say? 'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same

Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

GOSPEL READING: *Luke 4.1-13*

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone." '

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him." ' Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone." '

Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test." ' When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

INTRODUCTION TO THE PEACE :

Since we are justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has given us access to his grace.

SEASONAL PREFACE:

It is indeed right and good
to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.

For in these forty days
you lead us into the desert of repentance
that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline
we may grow in grace
and learn to be your people once again.
Through fasting, prayer and acts of service
you bring us back to your generous heart.
Through study of your holy word
you open our eyes to your presence in the world
and free our hands to welcome others
into the radiant splendour of your love.
As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast
with joyful hearts and minds
we bless you for your mercy
and join with saints and angels
for ever praising you and *saying*:

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by
it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love:
teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread,
and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your
mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

BLESSING:

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;
and the blessing . . .

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND AS WE SEEK A NEW ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY:

Heavenly Father, shepherd of your Church, send us a faithful pastor to lead with wisdom, courage, and love, proclaiming your Gospel, celebrating the sacraments, and guiding your people in unity and truth. Strengthen your Church, we pray, and direct us in your ways; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

WEEKLY PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

Church and Christian Ministry:

- In the Anglican cycle of Prayer – The Anglican Church of Canada
- In the Diocese – for all Chaplains working in schools, hospitals and prisons across the diocese
- In the Parish – for the team who have planned this year's Lent Course, and those who will lead the sessions

National and World Affairs:

- For the continuation of the ceasefire between Israel and Hamas, for the safe return of hostages and for the delivery of aid to Palestine.
- For peace in the world, for an end to hostility in the Middle East, Ukraine and Russia and South Sudan.

Community and Family:

- For those who live in Bracken Lane and Fern Mead
- For all nurses working in our community.

The Sick and those in Need:

- Helen Allen, Jane Bloss, Hazel Cherry, Claire Curry, Val Davies, Jean Dodd, Norman Doney, Tricia Hislop, Jack Lewis, Jean Quallington, Valerie Spears, 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, Judy Murdoch, Libby

O'Brien, Brian Pettyfer, Sheelagh Poole, 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 Phyllis Belmore, Pat Bennett, Janet Lillywhite, David MacLaren, Timothy Pearson.

WEEKLY NOTICES:

RECTORY FETE Preparations are well underway for our Rectory Fete which is a fun family and community event we hold each year and an important source of funds for our church. We have The Horsham Brass Band coming back again this year, and a different steam engine! But without people to run the stalls it will not be the success that it has been in past years.

At this time we have no one to run the following stalls / games:-

- **The raffle (Must be 18 plus)**
- **Bottle Tombola (Must be 18 plus)**
- **The Jewellery stall**
- **The Human Fruit machine.**
- **Splat the rat**

These stalls raised over £1600 last year, so if we cannot run them this year it will be a big loss.

Please contact Richard on 07488593446 or richardctuck@btinternet.com

WELCOME to Andie Beattie joining us from Alfold and Loxwood for his Caleb Lent placement. Sue Tresman, our Caleb candidate is on placement for Lent at St John's Stoke.

BABY GRAND PIANO available. If you are interested please contact Caroline Bagot on 07811 255071 for more information. Buyer to collect.

BOWLS OF BULBS AND PERENNIAL PLANTS Thank you to all those who bought my bowls of daffodils. I sold them all and that has given me a good float for the RECTORY FETE PLANT STALL. If you return the empty bowls to me, or if anyone has any of these small bowls, surplus to their requirements, I would welcome them so I can do the same next year. PERENNIALS will benefit from division at this time if you didn't do it in the autumn. I would love to have any hardy Geraniums, Japanese Anemones, Phlox, Rudbeckias, Echinacea, etc.
Many thanks in advance. Win Bracking (275573)

CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Two further cleaners are needed to join our church cleaning Team. One volunteer is required to Hoover and dust the church porch and font area on the week leading up to 4th Saturday. A second person is needed for hoovering church carpets on the week leading up to fifth Saturday in month which is only four times a year. Equipment is provided and the cleaning can be done at a time in the week that suits you. Please contact Celia Jenkins on 548824 if you feel able to help.

COMPLINE FOR LENT. Lent is a season for preparing, for giving up things and for taking on new things so we can grow in our relationship with God. Whatever way we observe Lent, prayer ought to be at the heart of our journey. So, for the season of Lent (except for Holy Week when there will be lots of other things on) we are going to have a Compline service on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 5pm. In monasteries, compline was the last service of the day, it is a lovely short and reflective service, and it's by some described as 'the liturgical equivalent of being tucked into bed' (though instead of bed you may prefer dinner first. No need to sign up, young and old are all welcome to just turn up at the church, or do this at home (ask Erik for the reading plan if you'd like it).

QUIZ NIGHT Saturday 22nd March, with The Rector as Quizmaster (Please do buy your tickets as soon as possible, either from the church office or after Sunday services. We are not able to offer alternatives to fish and chips. Anyone who doesn't want fish and chips may bring their own food and make a discounted contribution for their ticket.

EASTER FLOWERS The Flower Team invite you to contribute financially to the Easter Flowers in Church. You can put money in an envelope, marked Easter Flowers, into the offering or to Nicola in the Church Office. Thank you.

TODDLER PRAISE We are delighted to have a thriving toddler praise group on Wednesdays, 9.30am in the church rooms. With the increase in children attending, we would love an additional volunteer to help Ann in these sessions. Please let Nicola know if you can help
nicola@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk

LITTLE NIC'S TODDLERS We are on the lookout for more volunteers for our Parents, Babies and Toddlers group on Friday morning please. It involves helping to set out the toys and activities, making and serving coffee and drinks, engaging with parents and children and helping to clear up afterwards. It doesn't have to be a weekly commitment as we can add you to a rota but we'd love to have some more people on board. Plus it's fun!!

MEMORY LANE The ML 'Walk in the Park' takes place at 10.30am on Monday the 10th March with the final meeting of the month at 2.15pm in the Arts Centre on Monday 17th March.

SEWING GROUP Join us for fun and friendship every Monday morning in St Andrews room 10am-12noon. No previous experience of sewing or knitting is needed so do come along and have a go, or just come along and enjoy a warm drink and good company! Everyone is welcome.



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



DONATIONS: 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.



CHRIST AND THE CHOCOLATERIE

Inspired by the film 'Chocolat'

EXPLORING ISSUES ABOUT GOD, THE WORLD
AND WHAT IT IS TO BE HUMAN

**Sunday 9th March, 3pm:
Showing of the film in Church**

followed by Wednesdays at 2.30pm and 6pm

12th March	– Giving Up	– <i>the prelude to change</i>
19th March	– Giving Out	– <i>the power of a gift</i>
26th March	– Getting Wise	– <i>the possibility of change</i>
2nd April	– Getting Real	– <i>the power of acceptance</i>
9th April	– Growing Up	– <i>the process of change</i>

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE: NICOLA@STNICOLASCRANLEIGH.ORG.UK



A graphic featuring a glowing neon triangle in shades of blue and green. Inside the triangle, the word "QUIZ" is written in large, bold, white capital letters, and "NIGHT" is written below it in a stylized, cursive green font. Four glowing question marks are positioned around the triangle, two on the left and two on the right.

QUIZ NIGHT

with Fish & Chip Supper
Bring your own drinks

Saturday, 22nd March

6.30pm St Nicolas Church Rooms

Teams of up to 6 people

TICKETS £10

Tickets available from the Church office and at Sunday Services



YOUR FETE NEEDS

YOU

SATURDAY 12th JULY 2025

Our annual Rectory Fete is a fun (church) family event and an important part of our annual fund raising for the work of the church but cannot happen without your help.

- Do you have ideas for new things we could try? New stalls? New entertainment?
- Would you like to get involved in the planning and preparations?
- Could you run, or help run, a stall or game
- Have you done the same thing for many years and would like to try something different?
- Can you help with the physical set-up on the Friday before and tear-down after we finish on Saturday?

If you would like to be involved, please contact me either in person, by e mail, richardctuck@btinternet.com or 07488593446.

Save the date, see you there.
Thank you, Richard Tuck

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!