



St Nicolas Church, Cranleigh

5th Sunday of Easter

Sunday 28th April 2024

THIS WEEK:

Sunday 28th April (5th Sunday of Easter)

8am: Holy Communion (CW)

10am: Holy Communion

11.30am: Discovery Service

Monday 29th April

10am: Sewing and Knitting Group in Church Rooms

Tuesday 30th April

12noon: Holy Communion (BCP)

Wednesday 1st May

10am: Toddler Praise at Methodist Church

2pm: Cedar Court Communion

Thursday 2nd May

10am: Time for Prayer

Church Rooms in use all day as Polling Station for Local Elections

Friday 3rd May

10am: Little Nic's Toddlers (in Church Rooms)

Sunday 5th May

8am: Holy Communion (BCP)

10am: All Age Worship

followed by Cake Sale for Christian Aid with Coffee

6pm: Choral Communion

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 READING: *Acts 8.26-end*

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: 'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before

its shearer, so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.'

The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

GOSPEL READING: *John 15.1-8*

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

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 Church of Bangladesh
- In the Diocese – All Churchwardens serving in the parishes of the diocese
- In the Parish – for our own Churchwardens, Susan and Alan

National and World Affairs:

- For peace in the world, and especially for the safety of the people of Israel and Palestine, Ukraine and Russia, Southern Sudan and Haiti
- For the leaders of the nations that they may have wisdom and integrity during these difficult times

Community and Family:

- For those who live in Heron Shaw and Aven Close
- For all those in prison, for the prison officers and prison chaplains

The Sick and those in Need:

- Jane Bloss, Pam Cheeseman, Claire Curry, Anne Dulley, Emily McGowan, Tricia Hislop, Louise, Gladys Mulley, Peter Poole, Jill Saunders, Val Thorogood, Diana Trent, Jeremy Watts
- *(And for those with long-term prayer needs):* Baby Atticus and his parents Clare and Alex, Peggy Davis, Stella Goldsmith, James Goudie, Jane, Kirsty, Lottie Lack, Amy Loveless, Sheila McSorley, Mo, Libby O'Brien, Brian Pettyfer, Ron Reynolds, Peggy Ringshall, Martin Root, Steff Shepherd, Sheila Smith, Pam Standen, Dolores Spurgeon, Bert Steed, Win Thurman.

The Departed:

- All we have known and loved, who have left us through the years, and especially at this time, Alan Page and Maureen Steele

WEEKLY NOTICES:

HOSTS NEEDED On Wednesday 25th September, a group of Clergy Pilgrims, along with some Clergy from our own diocese, will be visiting Cranleigh as part of a Pilgrimage from Dorking to Guildford – we are looking for volunteers to put them up for the night and provide them with breakfast. Please let Nicola know if you can help?

BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW! For Desert Island Discs on Saturday 18th May. Tickets are available from the church office, Handyman's store, and from members of the social team at the Sunday services.

THANK YOU to everyone for being so generous in your support of Aurelia and I. Together we raised £888 for the Little Princess Trust, and of course both sets of hair to be made into wigs! Thank you, Claire Jones

RECTORY FETE Donations of Children's books will be gratefully received – please bring to the church office, or email Alan alan@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk

Also Jewellery (adults and children) for the jewellery stall is needed – donations to the church office, or email nicola nicola@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk

FREE would anyone like, or does anyone need, a nearly new single duvet! Tog rating is 13.5. Phone Jill Saunders on 01483 268028.



CAKES FOR CASH Donations of cakes and savouries, please on the morning Sunday 5 May, to the Church Rooms. 9 am onwards. Please support this good cause. Barbara Pearson. 273724

MEN'S GROUP We are hoping to start up our monthly men's group again with a curry night organised by Roy in May, and two barbecues in June and July. For planning the nights, we are now just trying to get a sense of what evenings work for most men. So, if you're interested to join, could you please just drop Erik (erik@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk) a line with whether Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday evening works best for you?

CRANLEIGH FOOD BANK DONATION POINT We now have a donations basket for Cranleigh Food Bank in church. It can be found to your right as you enter the south door, underneath the leaflet shelf. No fresh produce or out of date/open items. Thank you

MEMORY LANE

MEMORY LANE resumes again on Monday 20th May when Sarah Wood will be talking to the Carer Guests on the subject of "Giving Carers A Voice". This will be a helpful presentation by LUMINUS Healthwatch Surrey. Interestingly, Memory Lane guests will also have the benefit of Meeting Nina Austin from NHS Heartland the same afternoon. As a complete contrast, the following month Carer Guests will be able to benefit from a visit by Peter Hills the Fire Safety Officer from Guildford. Details of the *Safe & Well* free home visits and safety measures for when in a caring role. *For further details of the Memory Lane meetings held in the Cranleigh Arts Centre every 1st & 3rd Monday afternoons; please call Memory Lane 01483 274398 or email: mamwild@aol.com.*

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: Don't forget you can always make an online donation in support of church funds by visiting the [website](#), clicking on the red button or scanning the QR code.





Saturday 18th May
7pm in Church Rooms

**TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM
CHURCH OFFICE, HANDYMANS
STORE, OR SCAN:**



TICKETS £10
INCLUDING CHEESE AND WINE

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CAKES FOR CASH!

Sunday 5th May

Cake Sale with Coffee

after the 10am service



Cakes please, to the church rooms on the morning, from 9am



Saturday 15th June 2024
8pm



Tickets £28 including refreshment now available from Cranleigh Arts Box Office. The concert will take place in St Nicolas Church.



KEEP IN TOUCH:

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

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(*Works Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9.30-2.30*)

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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!