



**WELCOME TO OUR
SERVICE FOR
MOTHERING SUNDAY!**

19th March 2023

Welcome, notices and Banns of Marriage

This is the day that the Lord has made.

All Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Praise God who loves us

All Praise God who cares for us.

Hymn

*All our blessings, all our joys
with thankful hearts we sing,
God of love and faithfulness,
accept the praise we bring.*

**For parents and for children,
for partners and for friends,
for those whose care enfolds us
with love that never ends.**

All our blessings, all our joys

**For fellowship and friendship
for all we have to give,
for those who've shared our journey
and taught us how to live.**

All our blessings, all our joys

**For all who've shared our sorrow,
walked with us in our pain,
who've held our hand through darkness
and showed us light again.**

All our blessings, all our joys

**In sacrifice and service
Your love is clearly shown,
Your outstretched arms embrace us
to bring us safely home.**

All our blessings, all our joys

Today, Mothering Sunday, we not only thank our mothers for all they do for us, but also thank others who have supported us, including God.

(The paschal candle is lit)

We light this candle to remind us that the love of God is like a light in our darkness.

All Blessed be God for ever.

We look at our world in spring

All And we praise you, God, for signs of new life.

We look at those who love us

All and we praise you, God, for friends and family.

We look at our church family around us

All and we praise you, God, that you are with us in prayers and readings, in thoughts and words, in actions and laughter and song.

Bless this morning as we share it with you.

All Amen.

Saying Sorry to God

Loving God, you love us as good parents love their children.

When we have not loved you:

All forgive us.

When we have not given our parents the love they have shown to us:

All forgive us.

When we have been angry with our brothers and sisters and other members of our family:

All forgive us.

When the example we have set before our children has been less than perfect:

All forgive us.

When we say sorry to God, he forgives us for those things we have done wrong and helps us to be better people in the future through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Ways in which we show love to those who care for us

Readings—Exodus 20:1-2, 12 and Ephesians 6:1-3

What does it mean for us to honour those who care for/have cared for us?

Hymn

**Come on and celebrate
His gift of love, we will celebrate
The Son of God who loved us
And gave us life.
We'll shout your praise, O King,
You give us joy nothing else can bring,
We'll give to you our offering
In celebration praise.**

**Come on and celebrate,
Celebrate,
Celebrate and sing,
Celebrate and sing to the King.
Come on and celebrate,
Celebrate,
Celebrate and sing,
Celebrate and sing to the King.**

Our 'thank you cubes'

Choir anthem

Baptism Welcome

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:
N and N, by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

**All We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;
we are children of the same heavenly Father;
we welcome you.**

Prayers you will need your ‘thank you cubes’

We finish our prayers by saying together the Lord’s Prayer

All Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we for give those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

Distribution of Flowers

O God bless these flowers and bless our mothers. May these flowers remind us how much our mothers have done for us and may they remind our mothers that we love them. Help us to always remember that God cares for each one of us, because we are all his children.

All Amen.

At the end of distribution, all mothers are invited to stand as we say

All Thank you God for the love of our mothers; thank you God for their care and concern; thank you God for the joys they have shared with us; thank you God for all that they give us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn (during which the collection will be taken. If you are UK tax payer please consider placing your donation in the gift aid envelopes in the pews and filling out the details, this is a real help to us. There is a contactless giving machine available as you leave Church if you would prefer to give in this way)

**We are marching in the light of God,
We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God,
We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, we are marching Oh
We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, we are marching Oh
We are marching in the light of God.**

We are living in the love of God...

We are moving in the power of God...

**Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'. (Repeat)
Siyahamba, hamba, siyahamba, hamba,
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'. (Repeat)**

The Blessing

May the love of the Father fill our hearts;
May the love of the Lord Jesus fill our homes;
And may the grace of the Holy Spirit bind us
together in love in our families and communities.
and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the
Holy Spirit be among you, and remain with you, and with those
whom you love and pray for, this day and always.

All Amen.

Sisters and brothers, both young and old,
go in the peace of Christ!

All Thanks be to God.

NOTICES

REFRESHMENTS—Tea/coffee/juice and biscuits will be served in the Hall after this service. Everyone is very welcome to join us.

NEXT FAMILY SERVICE—Our next Family Service is Palm Sunday, 2nd April. This will be a Family Communion Service at 10.00am

ELECTORAL ROLL—We are now reviewing our Electoral Roll to make sure it is up to date and everyone who is a member of the Parish, over 16 years of age and baptised is on the Roll. If you have never been asked then there is a form to complete and returned to either the Electoral Roll Officer (Carol Jennings) or to Canon Sandra. If you are unsure whether you are on the Roll please contact Sandra and she will check for you.

GOOD FRIDAY PILGRIMAGE—we will again be opening St John's Church from 10am—1pm for people to engage with the Pilgrimage, giving them a space to think about the events of Holy Week. We do need volunteers to staff this—two or three for each hour. If you are able to help in this way, there is a sign up sheet at the back of church.

LENT LUNCHESES—We will be holding Lent Lunches starting at 12.30am. The dates and venues are:

Thursday 23rd March—St James's Church (led by the Church School)

Friday 31st March—St Aidan's Church

CONVERSATIONS IN LENT— We hope that you will come along to St James' Church on Tuesday evenings in Lent at 7.30 - 9.15pm. The topics and dates are:-

March 21st – Inter-faith issues led by Rev Jenny Ramsden, Diocesan Inter-faith Advisor

March 28th - 'Living in community; an enabled world?' Reflections on faith and disability led by Rev Ruth Yeoman

LENT APPEAL—This year our Lent Appeal is for UNICEF using their Jar of Grace Appeal. If you haven't got a label please take one from the back of church.. At each meal during Lent you are invited to say the prayer on the label and then make a donation to the work of the UNICEF as you give thanks for everything that we have. These will be collected on Easter Day.

ALTERNATIVE BOOK CLUB – On Monday 27th March at 7.30pm we will be meeting in S James' Lounge to look at Chapter 4 of the book 'And yet – Finding Joy in Lament' by Rachael Newham. Everyone is welcome. If you plan to attend for the first time you will need a copy of the book. If you would like support to purchase a copy, please have a word with Canon Sandra or Revd Ruth.

THE CROSS OF CHRIST— This is a very moving service and it will be held at St John's Church on Sunday 2nd April (Palm Sunday) at 4pm. The choir have been practicing very hard for this service and they will be supported by others. Please do come and support our choir as we move from Palm Sunday into Holy Week.

SHELTER, CRISIS AND CENTREPOINT APPEAL—we are pleased to say that the total amount raised for these three homeless charities was £838.94. Thanks to all those who contributed.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY—A big thank you to all loyal supporters who gave generously to our annual House Box Appeal. Despite these difficult financial times we have managed to collect £568.12 for this worthwhile charity . Our next event to add to this cause will be our Chocolate Coffee Morning to be held at St James on Saturday 25 th March between 10.00 and 12.00 ..Please come along and support us, enjoy a coffee or hot chocolate and visit our cake stall ,chocolate tombola, and raffle. Many thanks.

CRAFT THROUGH WORSHIP—will be at St James' Church on Sunday 26 March at 6pm. This month we are going to be looking at the word 'Reflecting' in this season of Lent. If you have not been to Craft through Worship but enjoy crafting or making things and would like to find out more about why we are interested in connecting crafting with our spiritual journey, then do come along. Everyone is welcome. A reflection on the theme and craft resources will be available from Sunday 19 March. Please email Ruth on ruthjeoman@hotmail.com if you would like to receive the reflection

SUNDAY 16TH APRIL— On the 16th April (Low Sunday) there will be one joint Holy Communion service at 10.00am in the Parish at St John's

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES IN THE PARISH

Palm Sunday 2nd April

- 8.30am Holy Communion—St John's
- 9.30am Service of the Word—St Hugh's
- 10.00am Family Communion—St John's

Tuesday 4th April—St John's

- 7.30pm Stations of the Cross

Thursday 6th April (Maundy Thursday) - St John's

- 7.30pm Holy Communion including sharing a light supper together as we journey together to Gethsemane and the arrest of Jesus

Friday 7th April (Good Friday) - St John's

- 10.00am—1.00pm Good Friday Pilgrimage
- 2.00pm Last Hour at the Cross

Sunday 9th April (Easter Day)

- 6.30am Dawn Service—St John's followed by breakfast in the Hall
- 8.30am Easter Communion—St John's
- 9.30am Easter Communion—St Hugh's
- 10.00am Easter Communion—St John's
- 10.30am Easter Communion—St James's