

Sunday 10th March 2024

Fourth Sunday of Lent and Mothering Sunday

10.00 a.m. Family Communion with Children's Church

4.00 p.m. Tea-Time Church

Collect for Today

God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Service Readings

Exodus 2:1-10 (*p.50*), 2 Corinthians 1:3-7 (*p.175*) and John 19:25b-27 (*p.111*)

Please pray for

... Kat Gillett, Shirley Parfoot and Annie Twidell.

... the family and friends of Mary Louise Trigg and Arthur Arni whose anniversary of death is at this time

... those who live and work in Abbots Close, Agraria Road and Alresford Road.

... the Koens family in Papua New Guinea supporting the work of Bible translation through vehicle maintenance, teaching, missionary care.

Post Communion Prayer

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Donations

These are the ways we encourage everyone to give:

- The collection during the third hymn
- The collection plate at the back
- The contactless donation machine at the back
- The QR code to take you to our online giving page
- By setting up a standing order to All Saints



Don't forget to Gift Aid if you can! Thank you.

Dear Friends

The last few years, when I have been in church for Mother's Day, there has been a woman preaching. Well, this year you have me.

Now, one thing I'm certain of is that I cannot possibly do justice to this service the same way as a woman and mum could. So, I've decided to talk about Mother's Day from a guy's perspective. I've taken soundings from some of our own chaps in the congregation and also some incredible mothers in the Old Testament, having been inspired by their selfless care and unconditional love.

I guess, in a nut shell, that is what a mother does: selflessly gives care and surrounds us in unconditional love. So, without any qualification whatsoever, I'm also going to put myself in their shoes as I describe these Old Testament mothers to you, so I can see what it is like from their perspective, rather than mine, as a guy.

Looking forward to seeing you on Sunday.

Best wishes and God be with you!

Andy

Mission Focus for March: ReSkilled

ReSkilled is a local charity based at St Peter's Shared Church in Bellfields. It has been set up to help long term unemployed people aged 25+ move towards work using a wood workshop, to raise their confidence and develop transferable work skills. They would really value prayer:

- For those who have expressed an interest in attending but haven't actually managed to start due to various personal circumstances
- For participants who have been with ReSkilled for a while and are trying to make the next step into paid work or volunteering, to find the right connections and opportunities for them to move on.

Notices

Welcome to Jake and Claire who join us today to listen to the second reading of their banns of marriage. We'll be praying for them during our service today.

Tea-time Church: This week we will be celebrating our Mothers and what we have learned from them. Please do bring a memento of your mother and any words of wisdom you would like to share!

Licencing of the new Archdeacon of Surrey: Revd Canon Catherine Mabusa at 6pm on Sunday 17th March at Guildford Cathedral. All welcome. (There will be no Tea-Time Church on this day).

Hearing Clinic and Hard of Hearing Group: The next meeting is on Monday 18th March. Please call Mike on 569825 if you'd like to come to the clinic from 2-3pm. There's no speaker for the meeting at 3pm, but there will be time to catch up and to talk about the future of the group.

Cally Burch's licensing: Cally has now finished her curacy in Fleet and will soon be taking up a new position in Bridport, Dorset. Her licensing service is at 7pm on Thursday 11th April at St Mary's Church, 84 South Street, Bridport, DT6 3NN. Everyone is welcome and I'm sure Cally would be delighted to see her friends from All Saints to give support for her next step.

APCM Change of date We have had to postpone the APCM to *Sunday 21st April* at 11.15am. This is because the accountancy firm preparing the 2023 accounts have not yet finished their work. As a consequence, the electoral roll revision period has been extended to 6th April. Please see Richard Pointer if you wish to join the roll.

The Family List: if you are signed up to the Family List, there's a new edition available for you in the foyer. They are **named** so please make sure it's yours. The information in these lists is of course sensitive, so please care for it and shred any previous copies that you have.

Holy Week and Easter Services: Here are the dates for you to pop in your diaries.

<i>Palm Sunday, 24th March</i>	<i>Good Friday, 29th March</i>
10am: Family Communion and Anna's baptism	10.30am: 'Walking with Jesus to the Cross' followed by hot cross buns.
6.30pm: Choral Meditation on the Passion	12-3pm: 'The Watch'
<i>Maundy Thursday, 28th March</i>	<i>Easter Day, 31st March</i>
9.30am: Family Communion	5.45am: Sunrise Service followed by breakfast at the Vicarage
8pm: Holy Communion with Foot Washing	10am: All-Age Family Communion followed by Easter Egg hunt
9-10pm: The Vigil	

Diary for the Coming Week

Morning prayer Mon, Tues, Weds 9.15am in the Reading Room and Zoom.

Thurs Holy Communion at 9.30am in the Reading Room.

Mon 11th PCC Meeting, Vicarage, 7.15pm

Weds 13th Wednesday Lunch Group, Kempshott, 12.30pm

Mission Vision Group, 4 Litchfield Way, 5.00pm

Lent Course – week 4, Zoom, 7.30pm

Thu 14th Holy Communion, Reading Room, 9.30am

Young Adults Study Group, 6 Scillonian Road, 7.30pm

Fri 15th Toddler Group, Church, 9.30am

Sat 16th Prayer Breakfast, 8.30am

Sun 17th BCP Communion, Reading Room, 8.00am

Morning Worship, 10.00am

Tea-Time Church, Reading Room, 4.00pm

Youth Group, Hall, 5.30pm

Licensing of Revd Canon Catharine Mabuza, Guildford Cathedral,
6.00pm

Daily Readings for the coming week

Mon 11th Ps. 77, Exodus 2:11-22, Hebrews 9:1-14

Tues 12th Ps. 79, Exodus 2:23-3:20, Hebrews 9:15-end

Weds 13th Ps. 90, Exodus 4:1-23, Hebrews 10:1-18

Thurs 14th Ps. 86, Exodus 4:27-6:1, Hebrews 10:19-25

Fri 15th Ps. 102, Exodus 6:2-13, Hebrews 10:26-end

Sat 16th Ps. 32, Exodus 7:8-end, Hebrews 11:1-16

Service Readings for Sunday 17th March: Fifth Sunday of Lent Sunday

Jeremiah 31:31-34, Hebrews 5:5-10 and John 12:20-33

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