

Sunday 15th March 2026
Fourth Sunday of Lent and Mothering Sunday

8.00 a.m. BCP Communion
10.00 a.m. All-Age Family Communion
4.00 p.m. Tea Time Church

Collect for Today

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Service Readings

1 Samuel 1:20-end (*p.252*), Colossians 3:12-17 (*p.199*) and Luke 2:33-35 (*p.56*)

Please pray for

... Beverly, Hannah, Sam, Joe, Lydia and all of Bishop Andrew's family.
... Dave Barclay, Mark & Jan Knott, Jenny Powell, Jean Read, Mike and Rosemary Woodcock.
... Julie, Morgan and Carys Lodge as they prepare for Julie's father's funeral.
... those who live and work in East Meads, Ellis Avenue, Elmbank Avenue and Elmside.
... 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.**

Financial Giving

Donations are welcome at all our services. If you don't give regularly via the Parish Giving Scheme, please put your donation in the bowl, tap the card reader on your way out, or use the QR code on the back of this news-sheet. Thank you.

Dear Friends

Our readings from the Bible for today focus on the themes of family life, and especially mothers and their children. The first recounts the longing of a mother for a child; Hannah pours out her heart's wishes to the Lord, and he answers her prayers with the gift of a son – Samuel. In our Gospel reading Mary is warned that though her child Jesus would be hugely significant, a sword would pierce her own soul too. In just a few chapters the scriptures touch on some of the deepest joys and challenges of motherhood.

Today during our services at 8am, 10am and 4pm, we'll be giving thanks for mothers, and the gift they are to us; and at the end of each service we'll give a posy of flowers to each woman in the congregation, acknowledging the caring and nurturing role each one of us is called to. We'll also be giving thanks for children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and all the young people who come within our care.

Wishing you every blessing on this special day.

Beverly

Mission Focus for March: A Rocha International

A Rocha International (arocha.org) is a global family of conservation organisations including A Rocha UK which is a Christian charity working to protect and restore the natural world and committed to equipping Christians and churches in the UK and worldwide to care for the environment – for God, nature and all People. Recognising the need 'more than ever' to act to protect and care for nature today, they have a commitment to Creation Care via a ten-year framework for caring for our planet in a way that honours God and his creation.

Notices

Welcome and thank you to The Ven Catharine Mabuza, our Archdeacon of Surrey, and Revd Anna Poulson, Principal of St Martha's College, who are with us at our 10am service today.

Mothering Sunday: Today we'll be celebrating Mothers at both our 10am and 4pm services, with daffodils for all women present. Many thanks to Lizzie, Julie and the flower team for organising this.

Annual Report & Accounts: The 2025 Annual Report & Accounts are now published on the website, and a copy is on the noticeboard. If you would like a paper copy, please let Trish know by dropping her an email (allsaintschurchgfd@gmail.com).

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM): This will be held next Sunday 22nd March at 11.30am after you've enjoyed your coffee. Please come and support this meeting as we elect our Churchwardens and new PCC members. You'll also hear a report on the year and a presentation of our finances.

Stewardship: Following the launch of the stewardship campaign by Revd David Senior, please sign up for the Parish Giving Scheme as soon as possible (if you need help please speak to Andy or Eve). Please also continue to pray for the increase in giving that we need.

Bishop Andrew's Funeral: This will take place at 12 noon on Monday 23rd March at the cathedral, followed by a private committal. There will be seats for any member of All Saints who would like to come but **booking is essential**. Please let Trish know by midday Wednesday 18th if you'd like to come. Alternatively, the service will be livestreamed and you could watch from home. More information is available on the diocesan website:

www.cofeguildford.org.uk/funeralinformation

Morning Prayer: Please note, Morning Prayer is back in person and also on Zoom.

Holy Week and Easter Services:

✠ ***QE School Easter Services, 24th and 25th March, 10am***

✠ ***Palm Sunday, 29th March***

10am: All-Age Communion with procession. Meet at the top of Vicarage Gate at 9.50am if you'd like to join the procession.

6pm: Choral Meditation on the Passion led by Jeremy and the All Saints' Choir. A special time of words and music

✠ ***Maundy Thursday, 2nd April***

9.30am: Holy Communion

8pm: Holy Communion with foot washing

9-10pm: The Vigil – a time of quiet reflection in the Reading Room

✠ ***Good Friday, 3rd April***

10.30am: 'Walking with Jesus to the Cross' on the field followed by hot cross buns. The children will be re-enacting the story of the last days of Jesus' life.

12-1pm: 'The Watch' An hour of quiet reflection in church.

✠ ***Easter Day, 5th April***

5.30am: Sunrise Communion Service. An outdoor service around an open fire at the front of church. Stay for breakfast afterwards.

10am: All-Age Family Communion followed by an Easter egg hunt.

Diary for the Coming Week

Morning prayer Mon, Tues and Weds 9.15am on Zoom.

Thurs Holy Communion at 9.30am in the Reading Room.

- Mon 16th Women's Bible Study, 16 West Meads, 12.30pm
Hear Here Clinic, Reading Room, 2.00pm
- Tues 17th Safeguarding Team Meeting, Zoom, 6.30pm
- Weds 18th Dray Court Service, 2.30pm
Sharing & Learning Group, 7.45pm
- Thurs 19th Holy Communion, Reading Room, 9.30am
Choir Rehearsal, Church, 8.00pm
Men's Group 'Exploring the Way', 13 Abbots Close, 8.00pm
- Fri 20th Baby & Toddler Group, Church, 10.00am
Friday Group, 43 Poltimore Road, 3.00pm
- Sun 22nd Church Family Communion with Children's Church, 10.00am
APCM, Church, 11.30am
Tea Time Church, Reading Room, 4.00pm
Youth Group, Church Hall, 5.30pm

Daily Readings for the coming week

- Mon 16th Ps. 77, Exodus 2:11-22, Hebrews 9:1-14
- Tues 17th Ps. 79, Exodus 2:23-3:20, Hebrews 9:15-end
- Weds 18th Ps. 90, Exodus 4:1-23, Hebrews 10:1-18
- Thurs 19th Ps. 25, Isaiah 11:1-10, Matthew 13:54-end
- Fri 20th Ps. 102, Exodus 6:2-13, Hebrews 10:26-end
- Sat 21st Ps. 32, Exodus 7:8-end, Hebrews 11:1-16

Service Readings for Sunday 22nd March: 5th Sunday of Lent and beginning of Passiontide

Ezekiel 37:1-14, Romans 8:6-11 and John 11:1-45

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