



# SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> March

## Mothering Sunday

<p><b>Please welcome today's Celebrants</b></p>	<p>8.00am Fr Ray Chapman 10.00am Fr Ray Chapman (Celebrant) Rev Sandra Edwards</p>
<p><b>Please welcome Wednesday's Celebrant</b></p>	<p>10.00am Fr Ray Chapman 7.30pm Fr Ray Chapman</p>
<p><b><u>TODAY'S SERVICES</u></b></p>	
<p><b><u>Hymns</u></b> BBC 39 Kyries Father in Heaven BBC 57 BBC 27 &amp; 197 End of Eucharistic Prayer BBC 93 v 6 BBC 304</p> <p><b><u>Motet</u></b> Deep Peace – John Rutter</p>	<p><b><u>Acclamation</u></b> Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory. The Lord is a great God, *O that today you would <u>listen</u> to his voice. <u>Harden</u> not your hearts Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.</p>
<p><b><u>Intercessor today</u></b> Chris Gadd</p> <p><b><u>Next week</u></b> Adrienne Bridger</p>	<p><b><u>Readers</u></b> Simon Lloyd and Amber Gadd</p>
<p><b><u>Liturgical Gifts</u></b> Today's liturgical gifts have been given by Margaret Deal in loving memory of her parents, Queenie and Harold Haird, whose birthdays fell in February.</p>	<p><b><u>Happy Birthday today to</u></b> Kaeden Handy, Paul Read and Tressy Alison. This week to Yvonne Jones, Jess Deal, Peter Dancer, Priscilla Barlow, Jennefer and Higginbottom.</p>
<p><b><u>Retiring Collection</u></b> Bishop's Lent Appeal</p>	<p><b><u>Parish Office</u></b> The Parish Officers today are Anne Morgan and Lynne McNeill. Next week is Helen Wilkes and Marian Haughton.</p>

## THIS WEEK'S DIARY

<b><u>Today</u></b> 8.00am Eucharist <b>10.00am PARISH EUCHARIST</b>	<b><u>Monday</u></b> 10.00am Help in bereavement coffee morning in the hall
<b><u>Tuesday</u></b> 10.00am Parent and Toddlers Group 7.30pm Tweenies Quiet Reflection	<b><u>Wednesday</u></b> 10.00am Said Eucharist 10.30am Refreshments in Hall 12md Lent Lunches 7.30pm Stations of the Cross 7.30pm Fabric & Finance Meeting
<b><u>Thursday</u></b> 2.15pm Mothers' Union 6.30pm Choir Practice	<b><u>Friday</u></b> 10.00am Coffee & Cake in Church 5.00pm Wedding Rehearsal
<b><u>Saturday</u></b> 12.00pm Wedding of Christopher and Fleur	
<b><u>Next Sunday</u></b> <b>Theme: Lent 5</b> 8.00am Eucharist 9.45am Sunday School <b>10.00am PARISH EUCHARIST</b> 6.00pm Taize Service	<b><u>Next Week's Readings</u></b> Jeremiah 31: 31-34 Hebrews 5: 5-10 John 12: 20-33

### **Hymn,**

Father in heaven,  
Thank you for mothers  
Loving and caring  
All the day long;  
Thank you for parents  
Working to feed us,  
Mothers and fathers  
Loving and strong.

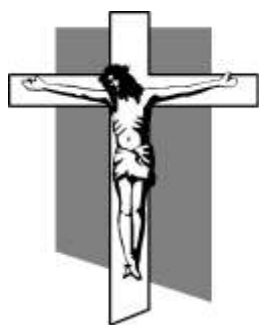
Thank you for Mary  
'Blest among women'  
She whom you chose  
To mother your son;  
Pattern of goodness  
Trust and obedience  
Help us to love you  
As she has done.

Guardian of truth  
The church is our Mother  
Telling of Jesus  
Agent of grace;  
Filled with his spirit  
Making us brothers  
Joining his people  
In every place.

Parents and children  
Praise God together  
Praise for our homes  
and all that he gives;  
May we serve others  
As serving Jesus  
Make every home  
The place where he lives.

**Please find below a list of priests celebrating at services in St. George's.**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>Celebrant</b>
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> March – Mothering Sunday	8.00am Eucharist	Fr Ray Chapman
	10.00am Eucharist	Fr Ray Chapman (Celebrant) Rev Sandra Edwards
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	10.00am Eucharist	Fr Ray Chapman
	7.30pm Stations of the Cross	Fr Ray Chapman
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	8.00am Eucharist	Fr Ray Chapman
	10.00am Eucharist	Fr Ray Chapman
	6.00pm Taize	Fr Ray Chapman
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	12.30pm Stations of the Cross	Fr Ray Chapman
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	10.00am Eucharist	Fr Charles Howard
Palm Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	8.00am Eucharist	Fr Ray Chapman
	10.00 Eucharist	Fr David Lindsay
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> April Easter Day	8.00am Eucharist	Fr Charles Howard
	10.00am Eucharist	Fr Ray Chapman (Celebrant) Rev Sandra Edwards
	6.00pm Evensong	Fr Charles Howard
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	10.00am Eucharist	Fr Charles Howard
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	8.00am Eucharist	
	10.00am	Fr Tyrone Hillary



**Stations of the Cross** this week is on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm.

**Patronal Festival Parish Lunch** is on Sunday April 22nd at 12 noon after the APCM. Tickets are available from Jane Rice-Oxley at £10 per adult with children free (they will still need tickets for catering reasons) The ticket includes an aperitif, three course meal with wines and coffee and mints.

## Services in Holy Week

Holy Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	10.00am Springwood School	Fr Charles Howard
	7.30pm Reading of the Passion	Fr Ray Chapman
Holy Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	7.30pm Reading of the Passion	Fr Ray Chapman
Holy Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	10.00am Reading of the Passion	Fr Ray Chapman
Maundy Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	7.30pm Foot Washing & Vigil	Fr Ray Chapman
Good Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	10am A service for children	Fr Charles Howard
	11.20am Walk of Witness	Fr Charles Howard
	2.00pm At the Foot of the Cross	Fr Ray Chapman
Holy Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	9.00pm Lighting of the Easter Fire	Fr Ray Chapman
Easter Day 1 <sup>st</sup> April	8.00am Easter Day Said Eucharist	Fr Charles Howard
	10.00am Easter Day Sung Eucharist	Fr Ray Chapman
	6.00pm Easter Festival Evensong	Fr Charles Howard

**Tweenies** Meet at Anne Morgan's home at 7.30pm on Tuesday for quiet Lenten reflection. Please let Anne know if you are going to this event.

## Today is Mothering Sunday

Mums are traditionally given flowers.

Mothering Sunday is the fourth Sunday of Lent. Although it's often called Mothers' Day it has no connection with the American festival of that name. Traditionally, it was a day



when children, mainly daughters, who had gone to work as domestic servants were given a day off to visit their mother and family. Today it is a day when children give presents, flowers, and home-made cards to their mothers.

### **History of Mothering Sunday**

Most Sundays in the year churchgoers in England worship at their nearest parish or 'daughter church'. Centuries ago it was considered important for people to return to their home or 'mother' church once a year. So each year in the middle of Lent, everyone would visit their 'mother' church - the main church or cathedral of the area. Inevitably the return to the 'mother' church became an occasion for family reunions when children who were working away returned home. (It was quite common in those days for children to leave home for work once they were ten years old.) And most historians think that it was the return to the 'Mother' church which led to the tradition of children, particularly those working as domestic servants, or as apprentices, being given the day off to visit their mother and family. As they walked along the country lanes, children would pick wild flowers or violets to take to church or give to their mother as a small gift.

**Lent Lunches** The next Lent Lunch is on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March, at 12o'clock. If you haven't already done so, please sign up at the back of church to give us an idea of numbers (last minute arrivals are still welcome).

**Congratulations** to Martin and Christine Blythe on their 40 year wedding anniversary, married at St. George's Church on the 11<sup>th</sup> of March. Love from June Blythe; Martin's mother.

**Mothers' Union** on Thursday 15th March the MU members will meet in the hall at 2:15pm when Pauline Wale will be speaking about the theme for 2018 which is 'In the steps of Mary Sumner'. Please bring a contribution to the Make a Mother's Day collection from the Branch. More details from Margaret Symonds.

**Traidcraft** – Fighting poverty through trade. The spring catalogue is available for you to browse through at the back of church and Pam Dinneen would be very happy to take your orders.

**APCM Reports** – can Jane Cook please ask that all those people who write reports to be included in the main APCM Report let her have their report for January-December 2017 as soon as possible. The meeting this year is on Sunday 22nd April so she will need the reports in at the latest by **Sunday 8th April** in order for her to include them in the main report and get them photocopied in time for the meeting. If you can e-mail it to Jane that would be preferable but otherwise let her have a hard copy. Thanks

**Charity Shop** We are having a shop again this year in the autumn so please start to look out for things that could be sold in the shop. Also do you have spare garage space that you could store items as they are collected ready for the shop. This is a huge fundraiser for the church so if you are downsizing or upgrading your furniture, crockery, glassware, ornaments, electrical, clothing, bedding, etc. we would be happy to receive your goods which are surplus to your requirements. Please contact Patricia Byrne or Jane Rice-Oxley for more information.

**Remembering Those Who Need Our Prayers**



**Please remember in your prayers this week:**

Sally Spurgeon, Shirley Davis, Malcolm Williams, Mark Langtry, Sarah, Stephen McMurdy, Gerry Shimbart, Lindsay Hood, Shelley Lazlett, Mary Joan, Iain Renfrew and John Symonds.

**Remembering Those Who Have Died Recently**



**Please remember in your prayers this week:**

Ron Shaw

**Remembering Those Whose Anniversary of Death Falls At This Time**

Please pray for the souls of:



Leon Bartosiak, Arthur Fogelberg, Barbara Stephens and Edna Wilman.

**School of the Week**



Please pray for the staff and students at:

Hartplain Infant School

<b>PARISH DIARY</b>	
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Help in Bereavement Coffee Morning – 10am
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Tweenies Quiet Reflection at Anne Morgan's – 7.30pm
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Lent Lunch in the Hall – 12 midday
	Stations of the Cross – 7.30pm
	Finance & Fabric Meeting-7.30pm
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Mothers' Union – In the Steps of Mary Sumner: Pauline Wale
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Taize Service – 6pm
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Stations of the Cross – 12.30pm
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	PCC Meeting– 8pm
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Pop-Up-Cinema "Breathe" – 7.30pm
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Servers' Rehearsal – 10am
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Palm Sunday
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Springwood School Service – 10am
	Reading of the Passion – 7.30pm
	Servers' Rehearsal – 8.15pm
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Reading of the Passion – 7.30pm
	Talk about fiction at the library – 7.30pm
	Servers' Rehearsal – 8.15pm
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Reading of the Passion – 10am
	Two Beeches Holy Week Service – 2pm
	Servers' Rehearsal – 8.15pm
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Maundy Thursday Foot Washing & Vigil – 7.30pm
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Upper Room a service for children – 10am
	Walk of witness – meet at the Baptist Church – 11.20am
	Veneration of the cross – 2pm
Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Lighting of the Easter Fire – 9pm
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Easter Day 8am and 10am
	Festival Evensong – 6pm
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	Walsingham Pilgrims leave for Walsingham 7.30am
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	MU: Diocesan Council, Cathedral House – 10.30am
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	Help in Bereavement Coffee Morning – 10am
	Mothers' Union Deanery Lady Day Service – St. George's Church followed by tea in the hall
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	Memorial Service For Sylvia Gent – 12 Noon
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Tweenies Film Night at Lesley Handy's – 7.30pm
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	MU: Deanery Committee Meeting – 10.30am Emsworth
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Mothers' Union Craft Afternoon – Janet Johnson
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	APCM Meeting and Parish Lunch
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Pop-Up-Cinema "Goodbye Christopher Robin" – 7.30pm

## A Prayer of thanksgiving for Mothers

As a mother protects her children, watching over them day by day,  
alert to danger, and ready if necessary to sacrifice herself for their sakes,  
so you Lord protect, your arms constantly encircling us,  
your hands delivering us from harm.

For the intensity of your love, Lord Jesus we thank you.  
Loving God, we thank you for mothers – for all they mean  
or have meant, for the love they have shown  
and the care they have given.

We thank you for the qualities of mothers –  
their patience, their kindness,  
concern and understanding.

We thank you for the part they play in our lives,  
and we thank you for this day of saying 'thank you'  
this opportunity to say what we so often mean to say  
but so rarely do.

For mothers and motherhood,  
for children and families  
we bring you this day our grateful praise.

PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME WITH YOU AND KEEP FOR REFERENCE

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