

# 30 March 2025, Mothering Sunday



Safety in a loving mother's hand

### Services today

8am – Holy Communion, (Revd Andrew Parry) 10am – Church for All service in church 11.30am – Service of Wholeness and Healing

Hymns for 10am today:- tba

#### Services this week

Tuesday – funeral in church at 11 am.

#### Services next week, 6 April

8am – Holy Communion 10am – Holy Communion 10am Young Church **INTERCESSIONS -** Our prayers have been asked for Baby Charlie J, Lorna and Charles F, Hazel B, Malcolm W, Jane A, Janine J, Julie M.

**Rest in Peace.** We give thanks for the life of Dora Hobbs who died at the age of 104. Her funeral takes place in church on Tuesday. We pray for her sons, family, friends and neighbours. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

## COLLECT

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 your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## **READINGS**

## 2 Corinthians 3: v 12 - 17

<sup>12</sup> Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, <sup>13</sup> not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end.

<sup>14</sup> But their minds were hardened.

For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away.

<sup>15</sup> Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts.

<sup>16</sup> But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed.

<sup>17</sup> Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

#### John 19: v 25-27

<sup>25</sup> but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.
<sup>26</sup> When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother,

"Woman, behold, your son!"

<sup>27</sup> Then he said to the disciple,

"Behold, your mother!"

And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

### 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.

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**YOUNG CHURCH** - March 30th. This Sunday is what we in church call Mothering Sunday: some people call it Mother's Day. This year we will celebrate all together in the church it will be like a Church for All style . There will be lots for you to help with. Young Church, with your parents, will be helping with the prayers all together in a special way using a big candle and daffodils. There will be flowers for you to give to your Mummies or those you love. You can also help give some out to those in church who care for us and others.

## **NOTICES**

<u>TODAY – Please take a copy of the Annual Report to read</u> <u>before next week's Annual meeting.</u>

### **MEETINGS:-**

Mondays, BINGO, 7.30pm for 7.45pm start, everybody welcome.

**Tuesday - 10.30am Bible Study Home Group -** we continue our look at charities supported by St Mary's through our tithing. This week we also look at what the bible says about charity. If you'd like to join us **contact Jill on 07812741279.** 

Wednesdays, 10am – 11am – "Keep Fit" in the hall with Alice. The classes can be done both seated or standing, so everyone can work at whichever level suits them. First class is free. Call Alice on 07834362675 for more information.

Thursday – Emmaus Road Fellowship, in church at .730pm.

#### NEXT SUNDAY, 6<sup>th</sup> April.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting of Parishioners takes place in the hall next Sunday after 10am service. Please stay for this very important event, hear how your church is doing and what the plans are for the future. Young families especially welcome to attend.

#### Afternoon tea

Tickets for our **musical afternoon tea** are selling well. Book yours by contacting **Jill on 07812741279**. Saturday 17th May 2 to 4pm.  $\pounds$ 10.

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