

### Collect for Mothering Sunday

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.

Amen

### 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.



St Mary's  
with  
St Peter's  
PRINCES RISBOROUGH  
& ILMER

# News

## Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2018, Mothering Sunday

### Dear Friends

"The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few." Luke reports Jesus sending seventy two others ahead of him to every town that he was to visit to declare the peace of God in advance of this visit. This is the spirit of the Community Acts of Kindness that St Mary's has been involved in this Lent, blessing the people of Risborough as we have been blessed.

So far, these Acts of Kindness have gone very well: Holiday at Home reached over 50 elderly people locally, the larger majority of whom do not regularly attend church and many were involved in helping over the two days; then followed two Acts where we gave chocolate, water or sweets to commuters at the station or shoppers on the High Street. Clearly, we need to do these kinds of Acts of Kindness much more frequently because many people are slightly suspicious of "something for nothing".

Looking forward, Friday 9 March is the Coffee Concert where all are welcome and then on 21 March we have the Ladies Pamper Evening, where there will be talks and demonstrations from a colour consultant and beauty experts as well as a talk about Eating for Vitality. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to bring a friend and enjoy a glass of wine. The final Act will be hanging 1000 school children's Easter eggs in the trees outside the newsagents on the main road on 23 March.

How can we all get involved in this Lent activity? Well, of course, we can turn up and be part of the events and get the opportunity to witness them for ourselves. If you are unable to be there, however, you can help those involved by praying that our community will be blessed by this work, and you can make a small donation to enable St Mary's to share the love of Christ ever more widely.

### PRAYER POINTS:

- For Gideon's Trust 2017.
- For all those suffering the terrible atrocities of the Syrian war.
- For the innocent victims, particularly the children, of the civil war in Yemen.
- For all those lending and attending the Lent courses.
- For mothers, that we might appreciate all they do or have done for us.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE IN IMMEDIATE NEED OF HEALING AND PEACE:

Alan and Iris Austin, Oliver Baillie, Steve and Debbi Barnett, Debby Cadwallader, Gladys Page, Suzie Aries, Marion Long, John Babb, Carol and Trevor Fitch, Mavis Finch, Rod and Angela, Michael Hopkins, Christopher and Victoria, Mark Ackford and family, Philippa King, Kelly May, Gordon & Kathleen Plumridge, Joyce Bapty, Richard Heaney, Alex Lake, Bill Morgan, Dave and Hazel Sullivan, Philip and Sally Jones

### WE HAVE ALSO BEEN ASKED TO PRAY FOR:

Anne and Tony Eccleston, Ashleigh Nichas, Gideon, Laura Huidekoper, Barbara Higgins, Mary Jefferies, Alex Chauhan, Rachael, Keith & Judy Brambleby, Barbara Platts, Sarah, Jennie Lunn, Tony Mead, Hannah, Stuart Bailey, Hazel Boon, Jorge.

### WE REMEMBER WITH THANKSGIVING THE LIVES OF:

Una Harborne and Irene Durrant.

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## NEWS & NOTICES.

**LENT COURSE:** The Next CTR Costa Coffee Lent course is on Thurs Mar 15th (7.30pm-9.30pm). This week's talk 'Highways and Holiness' by Canon Tony Bundock.,  
**LENT BIBLE STUDY COURSE:** The second session of the Lent Bible study course led by Rev Michael Hunt is this Tuesday March 13<sup>th</sup> in the Chapter House. Refreshments from 7.30pm, start 7.45pm.

**ELECTORAL ROLL:** If you are not on the Electoral Roll, please take a form available in Church and fill it in, help our Church grow and increase our Diocesan share.

**GIVING AND TAX:** If you would like to support the running of our church, please consider regular giving. Are you or your spouse a tax-payer? If so, the church could gain an extra 25p per £1 if you agree to "GiftAid" your giving; you still pay the same, but the church reclaims the income tax from the Revenue. For you, the process is very simple. Please pick up one of the little blue "Giving" leaflets in church or speak to Michael Hoey (275 192).

**WELCOMERS COURSE:** The second part of the Welcomer's course, 'Honing Hospitality' is on Weds March 14th at 7.45pm at Holy Trinity Church, Aylesbury. To register, go to [aylesburydeanery-welcome.eventbrite.co.uk](http://aylesburydeanery-welcome.eventbrite.co.uk). All welcome.

**COMMUNITY ACTS OF KINDNESS:** on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March from 7pm until 9pm there will be a pamper evening for ladies in St Mary's Church. All ladies will leave with a free goody bag of toiletries. Contact Louise on [mrslouisefell@icloud.com](mailto:mrslouisefell@icloud.com) if you would like to come or would like more info. Also, if anyone can donate items of cosmetics or toiletries for the goody bags please let Louise know.

**PRAYER MINISTRY TRAINING DAY:** On Sat 24<sup>th</sup> March from 10am-1pm, NewWine are running a prayer ministry training day at Christ Church, Woking. Cost £10. Please see website [www.new-wine.org](http://www.new-wine.org) for full details and contact Carole on [carroly@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:carroly@yahoo.co.uk) if you would like to go.

**CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY MORNING:** This will be on Good Friday, Mar 30<sup>th</sup>, from 10-12.30pm. For Children 3-11years. £2 a child, max £5 a family. To book a place, ring Gill on 346145, or email [gill.sunfold@googlemail.com](mailto:gill.sunfold@googlemail.com)

**JOB VACANCY:** One Can Trust foodbank is recruiting for a part time Foodbank Administrator (fixed term position). All the details are on their website or call 07584 637697 for more info. Applications close on Monday 19th March.

**AYLESBURY CHORAL SOCIETY CONCERT:** They will be performing BACH'S St Matthew Passion, on Sat 24th March, St Mary's Church, Aylesbury, 7.30pm. Tickets £15, see website for details.

**CONTAINERS:** Please collect your empty containers from the kitchen area. Thanks.

### **Sunday 11th March 2018, Mothering Sunday**

**Readings: Exodus 2: 1-10, John 19: 25b-27**

- 8.00am** Holy Communion at St Mary's
- 9.30am** Parish Communion followed by coffee
- 10.00am** Mothering Sunday Service at St Peter's, Ilmer
- 11.15am** TGIS with Baptism
- 3.00pm** Service at Icknield Court
- 6.00pm** United Service, Anglicans/Baptists/Methodists at PR Methodist
- 6.00pm** Pulse in Chapter House

### **What's on in the week beginning Monday 12th March**

- Mon 12th** **3.00pm** Bereavement Drop In at the Chapter House
- Tues 13<sup>th</sup>** **7.30pm** Lent Course in the Chapter House
- Weds 14th** **9.00am** Wednesday Prayers at St Mary's
- 10.30am** Holy Communion followed by coffee
- 7.30pm** Alpha Course in the Chapter House
- Thurs 15th** **10.30am** Coffee in the Chapter House
- 5.30pm** Confirmation class for young people at St Mary's
- 7.30pm** Confirmation class for adults at St Mary's
- 7.30pm** Costa Coffee Lent Course
- Fri 16th** **2.00pm** Nursery Service
- 7.00pm** Puppet Club in Hall

### **Sunday 18th March 2018, Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**Readings: Exodus 2: 1-10, John 19: 25b-27**

- 8.00am** Holy Communion at St Mary's
- 9.00am** Holy Communion at St Peters, Ilmer
- 9.30am** Parish Communion followed by coffee
- 11.15am** TGIS
- 6.00pm** Choral Evensong at St Mary's
- 6.00pm** Later at the Methodist Church

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