



St Mary's  
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PRINCES RISBOROUGH  
& ILMER

# News

## Sunday 31st March 2019, Mothering Sunday

### Dear Friends

Everyone celebrates Mother's Day in their own way, from kids preparing mum a much-deserved breakfast in bed, to older children treating their mother to a quintessentially British afternoon tea. But while we see it as a universally beloved day of affection and celebration, Mothering Sunday hasn't always been about mothers.

Mothering Sunday began as an explicitly religious event of the 16th Century, with no connection to mothers at all. The word "mothering" referred to the "mother church", which is to say the main church or cathedral of the region. It became a tradition that, on the fourth Sunday of Lent, people would return to their mother church for a special service. This pilgrimage became something of a holiday event, with domestic servants traditionally given the day off to visit their own families as well as their mother church.

Despite its long existence, Mothering Sunday fell out of fashion at the dawn of the 20th Century. Some thought the loss of Mothering Sunday was a great shame, and worked hard to rekindle interest, even founding the Society for the Observance of Mothering Sunday. Over many years the festival was gradually restored to the culture of the country, only with much more of a focus on celebrating motherhood, particularly influenced by the American tradition of Mother's Day which started in the early 1900's by Anna Jarvis to honour her mother's peace activism during the American Civil War.

Today all of these traditions mix together – but however you mark the day it is a time to reflect on the love, care and support of those who Mother us, and recognising that this is a reflection of God's overwhelming love to all of us.

Rev Michael Hunt

### 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**

### PRAYER POINTS:

- For the London City Mission.
- For all those suffering as a result of the terrible cyclone in Mozambique.
- For the people of Venezuela as the crisis continues.
- For all those affected by drug addiction, including the families of addicts.
- For our clergy and the St Mary's church family as we journey through Lent together.

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

John Hardy, Joy Woodward, Mary Kent, Sue List, Tony Eccleston, Alan and Iris Austin, Oliver Baillie, Gladys Page, Suzie Aries, Michael Hopkins, Kelly May, Gordon & Kathleen Plumridge, Joyce Bapty, Richard Heaney, Alex Lake, Hazel Sullivan, Philip and Sally Jones, Shirley and Eric Watts and Barbara Higgins.

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

Lisa and Russell Squire, Peter Covell, Ashleigh Nichas, Gideon, Mary Jefferies, Keith & Judy Brambleby, Barbara Platts, Tony Mead, Hazel Boon, Jorge, Peter Braithwaite, Michael George, Helena Oecken, Jean Moses and Annie.

### WE REMEMBER WITH THANKSGIVING THE LIVES OF:

Bill Moses and Valerie Dickinson

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## NEWS & NOTICES.

**LENT COURSE:** This continues on 2<sup>nd</sup> April. Let Revd Michael Hunt know if you would still like to come, at midahunt@googlemail.com

**THANK YOU:** to those who supported the Easter Card sale in aid of Helen House. The £90 raised will enable a child to have two and a half hours with a play therapist. Thank you also to those who continue to donate their small change. The 'penny fund' now stands at £6,300.

**HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES:** There will be night prayer every evening during holy week at 8pm (7,30pm on Maundy Thursday). For full details of our Good Friday and Easter services please see the separate leaflet.

**GOOD FRIDAY:** The 8 o'clock life group will be hosting a coffee and hot cross bun morning 10.45am to 12 in the Chapter House.

**APRIL 21ST EASTER SUNDAY:** 'We meet with other local churches in the Whiteleaf Cross car park at 6.00 am for a short 'sunrise service' that starts at 6.10 am above Whiteleaf Cross. This is followed by a bacon sandwich and hot drink.' Rev Tomkins.

**APCM:** The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7.30pm in Church. All welcome.

**PRCS:** PRCS will be joining with Marlow Choral Society to sing the Messiah at All Saints Church High Wycombe on 6th April 2019 at 7 30 pm. Tickets available from PR Cook Shop, Art and Office and Library Information Centre.

**BOOK LAUNCH:** On Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm, Songs of Praise presenter, Pam Rhodes will be talking about her new book, Arthur's Garden at St Andrew's Bookshop, Great Missenden. This is a free event, all welcome. Refreshments.

**CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOX OPENING:** This raised £1602.87. Thank you for your support. New Box Holders welcome! Contact Diana Parker via office.

**GIVING ENVELOPES:** The giving envelopes for April 2019-2020 are now ready for collection in church. Thank you. Carole.

**CHURCH CLEANING:** Please can anyone help with cleaning the church once a month? Also, we need help with volunteers to join our grass cutting rota. Please contact the Office if you can help.

**LIGHTHOUSE QUIZ:** This is on Sat 27<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm in Church. Tables of eight, cost £5. Book your table now with Jamie via office.. Bring own drinks, snacks.

**NEWSLETTER:** Please remember that this newsletter is available on the website and that you can sign up for e-news on the website as well.

**ELECTORAL ROLL:** Please fill in a form today if you wish to be on the roll and have not already done so. Forms can be placed in the red box by the letter boxes.

### Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March, Mothering Sunday and Fourth Sunday of Lent

**Readings: Exodus 2: 1-10, Luke 2: 33-35**

- 8.00am** Holy Communion at St Mary's  
**9.30am** Parish Communion followed by coffee  
**11.00am** Mothering Sunday Family Service at St Peter's, Ilmer  
**11.15am** TGIS for Mothering Sunday

### What's on in the week beginning Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April

- Tues 2<sup>nd</sup>** **7.30pm** Lent Course in the Chapter House  
**Weds 3<sup>rd</sup>** **9.00am** Wednesday Prayers in St Mary's  
**10.30am** Holy Communion followed by coffee  
**Thurs 4<sup>th</sup>** **10.30am** Coffee in the Chapter House  
**Fri 5<sup>th</sup>** **2.00pm** Praise and Play  
**7.00pm** Puppet Club

### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April, Passion Sunday and Fifth Sunday of Lent

**Readings: Isaiah 43: 16-21, Luke 19: 28=40**

- 8.00am** Holy Communion at St Mary's  
**9.30am** Parish Communion followed by coffee  
**11.15am** TGIS with baptism.  
**3.00pm** Open Door, an Easter tea in the Chapter House  
**6.00pm** Evensong at St Peter's, Ilmer (NB Summer Time)

**CAR PARKING:** Please be aware that the Council are now introducing car parking charges on Sundays. Payment is by card only.

**SITUATIONS VACANT:** Please look at the 'situations vacant' notice on the noticeboard. We would love to hear from you if you feel you can volunteer for anything. Please contact the Office if you can help.

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**Rector:** Revd. David Williams 346984

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**Churchwardens:** David Stephenson and Bryan Matthew