

Sunday
10th March
2024
Mothering
Sunday

Holy Trinity Cuckfield

*You are very welcome to our
worship!*



Weekly Reflection...

The Rev'd Caroline Currer

Mothering Sunday gives each one of us, young and old, an opportunity to think of our own mothers and to give thanks for all that has been and is good in that relationship. It also reminds us of the plight of mothers in our neighbourhood, our country and across the world who strive to do their best for their children, many in face of the constraints of poverty or war. As we seek this Lent to deepen our own reliance on God, today's readings take us forward by inviting us to reflect on the experiences of Hannah and Mary – two young mothers who trusted both themselves and their children to God, despite personal pain. This is a challenge for us all, whether we have our own children or not.

Worship this Sunday....

Collect

God of love,
passionate and strong,
tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us
all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

President: The Rev'd Caroline Currer
Preacher: The Rev'd Caroline Currer
Reader: Charles Solomon

9.45 am Parish Eucharist*

Pr Hymn: 238 Come down O love divine
Setting: Thorne
Gr Hymn: 138 Our Father God in heaven
Of Hymn: 315 Sing we of the blessed mother
Cm Hymn: 313 For Mary mother
455 My God and is thy table spread
Anthem God so loved the world
Fn Hymn: Tell out my soul

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1st Reader: Liz Graydon
2nd Reader: Peter Graydon
Intercessions: Mark Parker

* Also live streamed on zoom - click the blue button on the front of the church website.

Old Testament Reading

1 Samuel 1.20-28

Hannah gives birth to Samuel and offers him to the Lord's service

Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

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Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore, the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

New Testament Reading

Colossians 3.12-17

Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Gospel

Luke 2.33-35

Simeon predicts that a sword will pierce Mary's heart

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

This Week....

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| 12/3 Tues | 10.00 am | Online Prayer Group | |
| 13/3 Wed | 10.30 am | Holy Communion* | Isaiah 49.8-15; John 5.17-30 |
| 14/3 Thu | 9.00 am | Celtic Communion | Exodus 32.7-14; John 5.31-end |
| | 7.00 pm | Online Lent Course | |
| | 7.30 pm | Benefice Lent Course | |
| 15/3 Fri | 11.00 am | BCP Communion | Wisdom 2.1,12-22; John 7.1-2, 10, 25-30 |

Next Sunday...

17th March 2024

Jer.31: 31-34, Heb.5 : 5-10, John 12: 20-33

Fifth Sunday of Lent - Passiontide begins

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

President: Rev'd Stephen Caple
 Preacher: Rev'd Stephen Caple
 1st Reader: Graham Johnson
 2nd Reader: Ralph Colbran

9.45 am Family Eucharist*

Pr Hymn: 510 Will you come and follow
 Setting: Inwood
 Gr Hymn: 702 Lead us heavenly
 Of Hymn: 748 O Jesus I have promised
 Anthem: Father, we love you
 Cm Hymn: 451 Just as I am
 456 Now let us from this table rise
 Fn Hymn: 612 Christ triumphant

President: Rev'd Stephen Caple
 Preacher: C & F Team
 1st Reader: C & F Team
 2nd Reader: C & F Team
 Intercessions: C & F Team

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| 11.15 pm | Baptism | President: | Rev'd Daniel Valentine |
| 2.00 pm | Friends Concert | | |
| 6.00 pm | Sung Evensong* | President: | Kevin Carey |
| | Exodus 7:8-24; Romans 5:12-end | Preacher: | Kevin Carey |
| | | 1 st Reader: | Carolyn Ponder |
| | | 2 nd Reader: | David Spear |

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Notices and Parish News...

Communications and Data – The standing committee is reviewing corporate governance and communication practices due to inconsistent data storage and information management. The church plans to centralise communications through ChurchSuite, a system used by many churches, to ensure consistent, data-compliant storage and management of personal details and communication preferences. Initially, no changes will be noticeable, but post-migration, individuals will be asked to confirm their communication preferences. For more details, contact Fr. Daniel.

Pastoral Care – We are trying to keep up to date with Pastoral Care, if you know or have any updates in relation to the following people who appear on our prayer list, please let Vicky Peatie know: Martin Packham, James Watson, Bill Delaney, Julie Sadler, Karen Leese, Janet Card, Keith Card

Church Spring Clean - Can you come along on Saturday 16th March 10.00 - 12.30 to help with the church spring clean. You will be rewarded with pizza! Please let Jane Coan know if you can help.

Pot plants wanted! - On Maundy Thursday, we would like to create a garden of repose in the Lady Chapel which is a replica of the Garden of Gethsemane. We are looking for some assistance in making this happen. So, could you lend us any portable pot plants for Maundy Thursday? That would be fabulous. You can have your beautiful pot plants back after Easter Day. Please contact Stephen Caple if you can assist.

Easter Services...

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of Holy Week 25th, 26th 27th March 9.00pm - a serene, reflective service held at night, marking the end of the day with prayers, hymns, and readings, focusing on repentance, reflection, and preparation for the solemnities of Easter, embodying a peaceful contemplation of Christ's Passion and Resurrection.

Maundy Thursday, 28th March - Eucharist of the Last Supper at 8pm: Marks the start of the Triduum, inviting reflection on Christ's sacrifice and our faithfulness, followed by a night vigil until midnight. Please sign up for a ½ hour slot.

Good Friday, 29th March - Reflection at noon: Contemplate Jesus' final words from the cross, with preacher Kevin Carey and Haydn's "Seven Last Words from the Cross" piano sonatas played by Fearghus Beauchamp. Easter-themed craft activities for families are available at the Old School. Good Friday Liturgy at 2pm: Narrates Christ's Passion, emphasising His love and sacrifice, with an alternative 'Family Praise' service for all ages, followed by refreshments and hot cross buns for all at the Old School.

Holy Saturday, 30th March – Easter Vigil at 8pm: Beginning outside at the brazier, a shortened version of the traditional overnight vigil, recounting God's salvation history leading up to Jesus' resurrection, focusing on the 'light of Christ' and a chance to renew our baptismal vows.

Easter Sunday - Holy Communion at 8am: The beginning of Easter Sunday services.

Parish Eucharist at 9.45am: Celebrates the Easter Gospel and the First Eucharist of Easter, emphasising joy in Christ's resurrection through worship and song and followed by fellowship over cake and a glass of fizz.

Prayers...

Those to be married:

Georgie and Matt, due to be married at Bolney

Those in immediate need:

Becky Parker, James Watson, Bill Delany, Mark Herring

Those in long term need:

Young Georgia, Joshua and Reggie, Ann Went, Julie Sadler, Wendy Hibling, Carla Spear, Pam Sagar, Eileen Knight, Liz Graydon, Peter Graydon, Eileen Macdougall, George Snashall, Karen Leese, Jill Knight, Yvonne Godsmark, Jim Knight.

Those in care homes:

Mary Watts, Ruth Baker, Rosemary Pardey, Janet Card, Keith Card, Tina Owens

The recently departed and those who mourn:

Maureen

Those whose year's mind falls at this time: 11th David St. Clair Roberts 2015; 12th Hilary Richfield 2016, Audrey Beveridge 2018; 13th Bill Baker 1998, Madelaine Saunders 1999, Norman Carrington 2000, Ivy Markwick 2001, Frederick (Eric) McDonald Hall 2003, Joan Watson 2011; 14th Roy Hayward Thomas Middleton 2011, Barry Leonard Cumner 2018; 15th Allen Shelton 2008; 16th Bryan Cox 2009, Gertrude Jagger 2010; 17th Philip Thunder, Richard (Dick) Dean, John Peter Raby Black 2004, Norman King 2009.

Praying through the week...

Mon Mar 11th - We give thanks for our public parks and gardens and pray for all who maintain them and all who enjoy using them. Locally, we give thanks for the people of Blunts Wood Crescent and ask that they may sense the joy and richness of God's creation.

Tue Mar 12th - We pray for artists of all kinds: musicians, painters, sculptors, dancers, circus performers, giving thanks for their strength, dedication and skill. May we never lose sight of the importance of the many ways in which they enrich our lives, opening our eyes and ears to the beauty and joy that their work and gifts provide. Locally, we pray for the people of Blunts Wood Road, that they may have peace and joy in their hearts.

Wed Mar 13th - We pray for all who have lost loved ones through accidents or violence. We pray that they may have the truth of the story; that they may have support and love around them, giving them strength and hope. Locally we pray for the people of Bolney Road giving thanks for the ways in which they enrich the lives of the local community.

Thu Mar 14th - Looking to World Poetry Day (21st) we give thanks for poets everywhere, for those whose poetry delights, sustains, inspires, teaches, challenges and discomferts us. We give thanks for those who encourage a love for poetry and those who use their skills to highlight injustice or cruelty, or to remind us of love, joy and beauty. We give thanks for all who live in Bolnore Farm Lane, that they may be conscious of the love and beauty around them.

Fri Mar 15th - On this International Day to Combat Islamophobia, we pray for all who have suffered from harassment, discrimination, hate crime and all the careless comments and supposed jokes that belittle and undermine other people. We pray that we may be alert to our own carelessness and use of language, that we may stand in solidarity with all on the receiving end of racist slurs, attitudes and treatment. Locally we pray for the people of Bordehill Lane, that they may feel the safety and generosity of a kind neighbourhood.

Sat Mar 16th - We anticipate the International Day for the Right to the Truth Concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and the Dignity of Victims on March 24th, remembering Monsignor Óscar Arnulfo Romero, who was assassinated on this day in 1980 for his efforts to expose human rights abuses in El Salvador. We pray for all those involved in the ongoing struggle against human rights violations and the concealment of truths. Locally we pray for the people of Brainsmead and for the ways in which they help to create a community that feels safe, confident and supportive.

Please stay in touch!

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