

All Saints: The Parish Church of St Ives

**Welcome to All Saints today**

**15 March 2026**

## **The Fourth Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday)**



### **SERVICES TODAY**

**10.15 Sung Parish Eucharist**

**16.00 Contemplative Prayer**

### **Services and events for this Week**

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: Morning Prayer will be said at 09.05

16 Mon	09.00	Bellringing Practice
17 Tues	10–12	Community Café in Church
18 Thurs	15.00	Dementia-friendly Tea Service
	19.30	Choir Practice
19 Fri	10–12	Community Café in Church
	19.30	Stations of the Cross
	21.00	Compline (Zoom 818 0346 5483 & Ma55)

**NEXT SUNDAY, 22 March: the Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**10.15 Sung Parish Eucharist**

**Please take this booklet with you when you leave**

*If you are new or just visiting, please do stay in Church  
after the service for coffee and fellowship.*

*Please note that wherever indications for posture are given in this  
booklet, they are for guidance only. Should it suit you better to adopt an  
alternative posture please feel free to do so.*

*Large print copies and gluten-free wafers are available.  
Please ask a steward if you need either of these.*

***We are delighted that the Rt Revd Dagmar Winter, Bishop of  
Huntingdon and Acting Bishop of Ely, presides this morning.***

Please use the time **before** the service  
to **talk to God**  
and wait until **after** the service  
to **talk to each other**

Please note that a selection of **photographs** will be taken **during  
this morning's service**, and over the next couple of weeks. These,  
along with the professional photographs taken a few years ago, will  
be included in our parish profile. If you would prefer to not be  
included, please speak to Callum following the service.

**Please remember in your prayers**

**THE SICK:** Sylvia Boyce, Dorothy Goodhew, Liz Hughes,  
Christopher Jackson, Sally Jackson, Harold Marie, Mike Tassell,  
Roger Vardy, Karina Woods, Jonathan Young (priest), Brandon

**THE DEPARTED:** Christine Eckhart, Andrew Watson (bishop),  
Ken Luxon

**YEAR'S MIND:** Leslie Fisher (15th), Kenneth Randall (18th)

¶ *Stand when the bell is rung for the* **Processional Hymn**

The God of love my shepherd is,  
And he that doth me feed;  
While he is mine and I am his,  
What can I want or need?

He leads me to the tender grass,  
Where I both feed and rest;  
Then to the streams that gently pass:  
In both I have the best.

Or if I stray, he doth convert,  
And bring my mind in frame,  
And all this not for my desert,  
But for his holy Name.

Yea, in death's shady black abode  
Well may I walk, not fear;  
For thou art with me, and thy rod  
To guide, thy staff to bear.

Surely thy sweet and wondrous love  
Shall measure all my days;  
And, as it never shall remove  
So neither shall my praise.

Words: George Herbert (1593–1633), from *The Temple* (Cambridge, 1633)

Tune University: Attributed to Charles Collignon (1725–1785),  
from John Randall's *Psalms and Hymn Tunes* (1794)

¶ *Remain standing for the* **Invocation and Greeting**

† In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you **and also with you.**

## ¶ Kneel or sit for the **Penitential Rite**

*A minister reads the Summary of the Law:*

Our Lord Jesus Christ said, the first commandment is this:

‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.’

The second is this: ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’

There is no other commandment greater than these.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

**Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

Let us pray to the Lord our God, that we may not give in to temptation.

Jesus, you were tempted in the desert. Help us by your strength to overcome temptation and to remain faithful to you.



Cantor: Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy.

**All: Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy.**

Jesus, you died for our sins. Keep our faith and our love alive,  
that we may serve God and people with you.



Cantor: Christ, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy.

**All: Christ, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy.**

Jesus, the Father’s will was your life. Attune us to God’s plan for us  
and for the world.



Cantor: Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy.

**All: Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, † pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

† *Stand for the* **Collect**

*The bishop introduces a period of silent prayer with the words*  
Let us pray.

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.**

## † *The Liturgy of the Word*

† *Sit for the* **First Reading** (Exodus 2:1–10)

*At the end the reader says:*  
This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

† *Stand to sing the* **Responsorial Psalm** (Ps. 23)  
*and join in singing the Response* [Response and Chant: MHE]



The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. (*Response*)

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your staff;  
with these you give me comfort. (*Response*)

You have pre-pared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing.  
Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my  
life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.



¶ *Sit for the* **Second Reading** (2 Corinthians 1:3–7)

*At the end the reader says:*  
This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

¶ *Stand for the* **Gospel Acclamation**  
*and turn towards the Gospel reader*



**Cantor:** I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
anyone who follows me will have the light of life.

**All:** **Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

¶ *Remain standing for the* **Gospel** (John 19:25–27)

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end of the Gospel the reader says:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

¶ *Sit for the* **Sermon**

*The Rt Revd Dagmar Winter, Bishop of Huntingdon  
and Acting Bishop of Ely*

¶ *Stand for the* **Affirmation of Faith**

**We believe in God the Father, from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts  
through faith, and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

¶ *Kneel or sit for the* **Prayers of Intercession**

*The bishop introduces the Intercessions*

As children of a loving God who always listens to our cries, let us  
pray to our Father in heaven.

*To the bidding God of love,  
please respond by saying* **hear our prayer.**

*After the prayer for the faithful departed the intercessor says:*

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord

**And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

May they rest in peace

**and rise in glory.**

God of love,

**hear our prayer.**

*The bishop introduces a period of silent prayer and then concludes:*

Loving God, accept the cries of our heart as we offer you prayers; through them transform us and all creation until you are in all and through all. We ask these and all our prayers in the name of Jesus.

**Amen.**

## ¶ **The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

¶ *Stand for the* **Peace**

Through the prophet Isaiah, God says,

‘As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you.’

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

¶ *Remain standing for the* **Offertory Hymn**

*A collection is taken for the mission and upkeep of the Church.  
The Altar is prepared and gifts of bread and wine are placed on it.*

God of Eve and God of Mary,

God of love and mother-earth,

Thank you for the ones who with us

Shared their life and gave us birth.

As you came to earth in Jesus,  
So you come to us today;  
You are present in the caring  
That prepares us for life's way.

Thank you, that the Church our Mother,  
Gives us bread and fills our cup,  
And the comfort of the Spirit  
Warms our hearts and lifts us up.

Thank you for belonging, shelter,  
Bonds of friendship, ties of blood,  
And for those who have no children,  
Yet are parents under God.

God of Eve and God of Mary,  
Christ our Brother, human Son,  
Spirit, caring like a Mother,  
Take our love and make us one!

Words: Fred Kaan (1929–2009)

Tune *Sussex*: English traditional melody,

arranged by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

¶ *Remain standing for the* **Prayer Over the Gifts**

God of our journey, as we walk with you on your path of obedience,  
sustain us on our way and lead us to your glory; through Jesus Christ  
our Lord. **Amen.**

¶ *Remain standing* **throughout the Eucharistic Prayer (G)**

The Lord is here

**His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

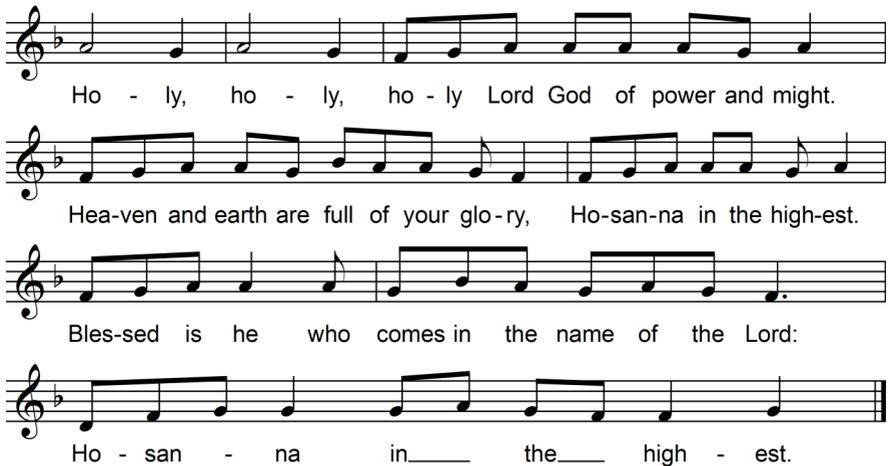
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, Lord God, our light and our salvation; to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created all things and all your works echo the silent music of your praise. In the fullness of time you made us in your image, the crown of all creation.

You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels and all the powers of heaven we may find a voice to sing your praise:

Plainsong (13th Century)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of power and might.  
Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry, Ho-san-na in the high-est.  
Bles-sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord:  
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord. As a mother tenderly gathers her children, you embraced a people as your own. When they turned away and rebelled your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary, to be the living bread, in whom all our hungers are satisfied. He offered his life for sinners, and with a love stronger than death he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died, he came to supper with his friends and, taking bread, he gave you thanks. He broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Christ is the bread of life:



When we eat this bread and drink this cup we pro-claim your death, Lord  
Je - sus, un - til you come in glo - ry.

Father, we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross; we remember his dying and rising in glory, and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you these gifts of your creation; may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son. As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence, form us in the likeness of Christ, and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Remember, Lord, your Church in every land. Reveal her unity, guard her faith, and preserve her in peace.

Bring us at the last with all the saints to the vision of that eternal splendour for which you have created us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, by whom, with whom, and in whom, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

Bles - sing and ho - nour and glo - ry and power be yours for  
 e - ver and e - ver. A - men, A - men, A - men.

¶ *Remain standing for the* **Lord's Prayer**

As God's children, and heirs with Christ  
 let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**Our Father,  
 who art in heaven,  
 hallowed be thy name;  
 thy kingdom come;  
 thy will be done;  
 on earth as it is in heaven.  
 Give us this day our daily bread.  
 And forgive us our trespasses,  
 as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
 And lead us not into temptation;  
 but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
 the power and the glory,  
 for ever and ever.  
 Amen.**

¶ *Remain standing for the* **Breaking of the Bread**

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup.  
**we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

¶ *Remain standing for the* **Invitation to Communion**

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

¶ *Kneel or sit for the* **Lamb of God**

Plainsong (12th Century)



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world, grant us peace.

## **Distribution of the Sacrament**

*Anyone who has been baptised in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
and wishes to receive the love of the Lord Jesus in their life,  
is welcome to receive communion at this service.*

*If you are worried about receiving the Chalice, please remember  
that making your Communion in one kind is entirely valid.*

**We ask you not to dip the wafer into the chalice.**

*Alternatively you may wish to come for a blessing: please keep your hands  
down and your head bowed to indicate that this is your preference.*

¶ *Remain kneeling or seated for the* **Communion Hymn**

I come with joy, a child of God,  
    Forgiven, loved, and free,  
The life of Jesus to recall,  
    In love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near  
    To find, as all are fed,  
The new community of love  
    In Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,  
    Each proud division ends.  
The love that made us makes us one,  
    And strangers now are friends.

The spirit of the risen Christ,  
    Unseen, but ever near,  
Is in such friendship better known:  
    Alive among us here.

Together met, together bound,  
    By all that God has done,  
We'll go with joy, to give the world,  
    The love that makes us one.

Words: Brian Arthur Wren (b.1936)

Tune *St Botolph*: Gordon Slater (1896–1979)

## ¶ Stand for the **Prayer after Communion**

*The priest introduces a period of silent prayer with the words  
Let us pray.*

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.**

## ¶ **The Dismissal**

¶ Remain standing for the **Notices and Banns of Marriage**

¶ Remain standing for the **Blessing of Flowers**

For the love of mothers, and all who show a mother's love;  
**Loving God we give you thanks.**

For patience, understanding, hope and joy without limit:  
**Loving God we give you thanks.**

For those who welcome us home; for those who become our family;  
and the mothering of the church;  
**Loving God we give you thanks.**

For these flowers, lovingly given: bless them that they may be a sign  
of God's great parent love, holding each of us in the heart of eternity;  
**Loving God we give you thanks.**

*The flowers are distributed during the final hymn.*

¶ *Remain standing for the* **Solemn Blessing**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**who has made heaven and earth.**

Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
**now and for ever. Amen.**

May God, who gave birth to all creation,  
give you his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who became incarnate by an earthly mother,  
give you his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who broods as a mother over her children,  
give you his blessing. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty, † the Father, the Son, and the Holy  
Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

¶ *Remain standing for the* **Dismissal**

Go in the peace of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

¶ *Remain standing for the* **Final Hymn**

We gladly celebrate and praise  
The gift of God so great and good,  
Through which his kindness is made known:  
The greatest gift of motherhood.

We sing of Mary's mother-love,  
For she alone, of all on earth,  
Received the privilege to bear  
And bring God's Son, our Lord, to birth.

We pray that God's own mother-love  
Will always hold in gentleness  
All children who have never known  
A mother's love or tenderness.

For mothers, who with broken hearts  
Are daily faced with grief and loss,  
We pray the Son of God will give  
His deepest comfort from the cross.

We trust the mother-love of God,  
Who bears for us in Mary's boy,  
Our pain and sorrow, to secure  
Our everlasting praise and joy.

Words: adapted from a text by Alan Gaunt (b.1935)

Tune *Fulda*: from William Gardiner's Sacred Melodies (1815)

## **Organ Voluntary**

Chorale Prelude *Wenn wir in höchsten Nöten sein*, BWV 641

(When we are in our greatest need,  
our only comfort is to appeal to you, O Lord)

J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

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# NOTICES

## **Spring Cleaning**

Thank you to everyone who was involved during the week in making the church look tidier for our Easter services.

## **Just Earth – How a fairer world will save the planet**

On Saturday 21 March at 2.30 p.m. Dr Tony Juniper CBE will be giving a talk in All Saints, Milton on how to make a fairer world by looking at economic and cultural factors in order to protect the natural environment. Bookings online at <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/all-saints-church-milton>

## **Churches Together in Saint Ives Walk of Witness**

The CTSI Walk of Witness returns this year on Good Friday, starting at All Saints at 11.00 a.m. Volunteers are still required to help with this; please see Callum if you are available and happy to help.

## **Easter Lilies**

Donations towards the cost of decorating the church with lilies at Easter are invited, especially from those who may wish to remember a departed loved one in this way. There is a collecting tub by the door for the money and a list for the names of those to be remembered, which will be printed up and left on display throughout the season. If you wish to pay by card then please use the 'Easter Lilies' option on the large white terminal by the door.

## **Sir John Rutter: Confessions of a Composer**

We are delighted that Sir John Rutter will be visiting us on Saturday 25 April, 19.30 to 21.30, to talk about his life and musical career including commentary on some of his recorded works. Tickets are still available but selling quickly: please book online or see Callum who can do it manually! A wine bar and grand raffle will again be held. <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-ives-parish-church/t-plllnrx>

The **Annual Meeting of Parishioners (AMP)** followed by the **Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)** takes place on Sunday, 10 May after the 10.15 service. This year we will have vacancies for two Deanery Synod Representatives and two PCC members. Nomination forms will follow in due course.

## Forthcoming dates

**Please note these in your diary:**

- 25 March 14.30 Eucharist for the Feast of the Annunciation
- 29 March **Palm Sunday:** Service starts at 10.15
- 30 March – 1 April Monday to Wednesday in Holy Week  
21.00 Compline with Address
- 2 April **Maundy Thursday**  
10.30 Chrism Eucharist at Ely Cathedral  
20.00 Commemoration of the Last Supper  
with Reception of Holy Oils and Washing of  
Feet, followed by Keeping of the Watch
- 3 April **Good Friday**  
11.00 Walk of Witness  
14.00 Liturgy of Good Friday  
19.30 *Maria Desolata*
- 4 April **Holy Saturday (Easter Eve)**  
20.30 Vigil and First Eucharist of Easter
- 5 April **Easter Day**  
10.15 Sung Eucharist

## **CONTACT DETAILS**

If you would like to know more of what is happening in your parish, please visit the calendar on the parish website [www.stivesparishchurch.org.uk](http://www.stivesparishchurch.org.uk) or contact us:

**The parish is in vacancy; please contact the one of the following to enquire about the services of the church**

### **Churchwardens**

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### **Readers (Licensed Lay Ministers)**

Richard Hough, Elaine Midgley and Canon Simon Kershaw

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### **Treasurer**

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For BACS payment details please contact the Treasurer as above

### **Parish Safeguarding Officer**

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### **General Enquiries and items for inclusion in the sheet**

should be directed to [admin@stivesparishchurch.org.uk](mailto:admin@stivesparishchurch.org.uk)

Requests for Baptisms, Marriages (including Banns) and Funerals:  
please look on the website

**Musical enquires** (to join the choir or to discuss wedding music)

please contact [music@stivesparishchurch.org.uk](mailto:music@stivesparishchurch.org.uk)

### **For enquiries relating to the Bells**

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