

***Welcome to All Saints today***

**10 March 2024: the Fourth Sunday of Lent  
(Mothering Sunday)**

**SERVICES TODAY**

**9.00 Morning Prayer**

**10.15 Sung Parish Eucharist**

**Services and events for this Week**

Monday to Friday: Morning Prayer will be said at 09.05

11 Mon	09.30	Holy Communion
	19.30	Bell-ringing Practice
12 Tues	10.00	Community Café
	14.00	Lent Group at the Vicarage
14 Thurs	14.30	Lent Group at the Free Church
	19.30	Choir Practice
15 Fri	10.00	Community Café
	12.00	Rosary Devotions
	19.30	Stations of the Cross
	21.00	Compline
16 Sat	10.00	Servers' Rehearsal

**NEXT SUNDAY, 17 March: the Fifth Sunday of Lent  
(Passiontide begins)**

**9.00 Morning Prayer**

**10.15 Parish Eucharist**

**16.00 Contemplative Prayer**

**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 speak to a steward if you need either of these.*

Please use the time  
**BEFORE the SERVICE**  
to **TALK TO GOD**  
and that  
**AFTER the SERVICE**  
to **TALK TO EACH OTHER**

## **PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

### **THOSE PREPARING FOR CONFIRMATION**

Callum Debra, Lucy and Michael

### **THE SICK:**

Lottie Bacon, Margaret Barnett, Sylvia Boyce, Joan Evans, Geoff Hammond,  
Jane Sayers, David Shannon, Baby Isaac

### **YEAR'S MIND:**

Leslie Fisher (15th).

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

***All our blessings, all our joys  
With thankful hearts we sing,  
God of love and faithfulness,  
Accept the praise we bring.***

For parents and for children,  
For husbands, wives, and friends,  
For those whose care enfolds us  
With love that never ends.

For fellowship and friendship  
For all we have to give,  
For those who've shared our journey  
And taught us how to live.

For all who've shared our sorrow,  
Walked with us in our pain,  
Who've held our hand through darkness  
And showed us light again.

In sacrifice and service  
Your love is clearly shown,  
Your outstretched arms embrace us  
To bring us safely home.

Words: Rev Ally Barrett (Dean of Chapel, St Catherine's College, Cambridge)

Tune *All Things Bright and Beautiful*: William Henry Monk (1823–1889)

¶ 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.**

¶ Sit for the **Admission of New Members to the Mothers' Union**

¶ Please stand for the **Collect**

*The Priest 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**

¶ Please 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.**

¶ Remain seated for the **Responsorial Psalm** (Ps. 34)  
*and join in singing the Response*

Response and chant MHE



Come, children, and hear me that I may teach you the fear of the Lord. Who is he who longs for life and many days, to enjoy his prosperity? (*Response*)

Then keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit. Turn aside from evil and do good; seek and strive after peace. *(Response)*

The Lord turns his face against the wicked to destroy their remembrance from the earth. The Lord turns his eyes to the just and his ears to their appeal. *(Response)*

They call and the Lord hears and rescues them in all their distress. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save. *(Response)*

¶ *Remain seated for the* **Second Reading** (Colossians 3: 12–17)

*At the end the reader says:*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

¶ *Please stand for the* **Gradual Hymn**

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* **Gospel** (Luke 2: 33-35)

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**

*Fr Gary Evans (Associate Priest)*

¶ *Stand for the* **Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of  
heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from  
Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one  
Being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

*Please bow for the next three lines:*

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

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

*The priest introduces the prayers with the words*

*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.**

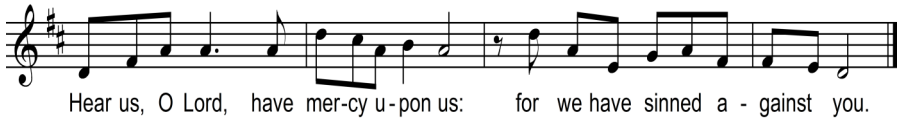
*At the end of the prayers the priest introduces a period for silent reflection and says the concluding prayer (response overleaf):*

*Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. (Luke 1: 28) Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. (Luke 1: 42).*

**Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

¶ *Remain kneeling or seated for the* **Lent Prose**

*Repeat the Response after the Cantor:*



**Cantor:** Sins oft committed now we lay before you,  
with true contrition, now no more we veil them:  
Grant us, Redeemer, loving absolution.

**All:** **Hear us, O Lord** (*as above, once only*)

¶ *Remain kneeling or seated for the* **Prayers of Penitence**

**God our Father, as Pharaoh's daughter noticed the needs  
of a small child alone in the reeds, so help us to notice  
those areas of our own lives needing care and attention.**

Therefore, let us confess our sins,  
seeking the embrace of God's forgiveness and peace.

We have failed to nurture the needy.



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

We have failed to make space in our lives for the broken-hearted.



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

We struggle to forgive those who have withheld their love from us.



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

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

¶ *Remain kneeling or seated for the* **Absolution**

Merciful Lord, you know our struggle to serve you: when sin spoils our lives and overshadows our hearts, come to our aid, forgive us our sins, and turn us back to you again. **Amen.**

## ¶ *The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

¶ *Stand for the* **Peace**

Christ is our peace. He offered up his life for us with a love beyond imagining; with a love which dispels fear; with a love which holds and guides us through life's trials and joys.

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.*

Ye who own the faith of Jesus  
Sing the wonders that were done,  
When the love of God the Father  
O'er our sin the victory won,

When he made the Virgin Mary  
Mother of his only Son.

***Hail Mary, hail Mary,  
hail Mary, full of grace.***

Blessèd were the chosen people  
Out of whom the Lord did come,  
Blessèd was the land of promise  
Fashioned for his earthly home;  
But more blessed far the mother,  
She who bare him in her womb.

Wherefore let all faithful people  
Tell the honour of her name;  
Let the Church in her foreshadowed  
Part in her thanksgiving claim;  
What Christ's mother sang in gladness  
Let Christ's people sing the same.

May the Mother's intercessions  
On our homes a blessing win,  
That the children all be prospered,  
Strong and fair and pure within,  
Following our Lord's own footsteps,  
Firm in faith and free from sin.

For the sick and for the aged,  
For our dear ones far away,  
For the hearts that mourn in secret,  
All who need our prayers today,  
For the faithful gone before us,  
May the holy Virgin pray.

Praise, O Mary, praise the Father,  
Praise thy Saviour and thy Son,  
Praise the everlasting Spirit,

Who hath made thee ark and throne;  
O'er all creatures high exalted,  
Lowly praise the Three in One.

Words: Vincent Stuckey Stratton Coles (1845–1929)

Tune *Daily, Daily*: Anon., probably French

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

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours  
may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the  
praise and glory of his name for our good, and the good of all  
his holy Church.**

Almighty God, so fill us with your grace, that we in all things may  
accept your holy will and with the Virgin Mary, full of grace, rejoice in  
your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

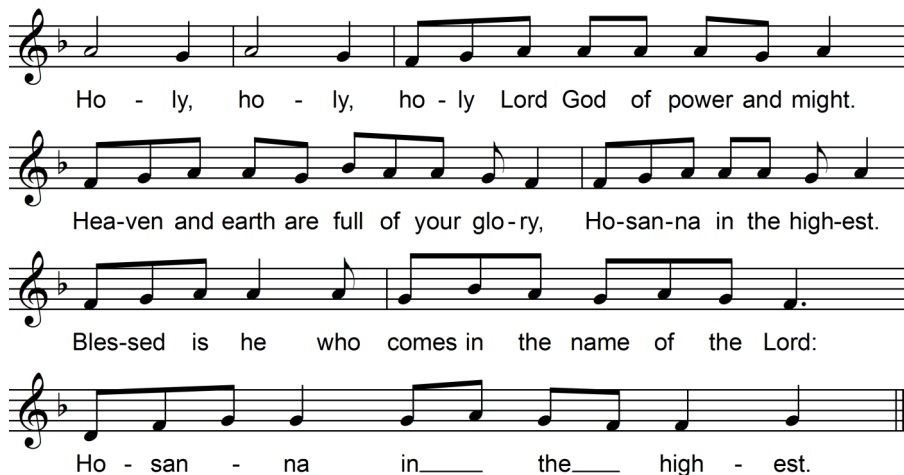
¶ *Remain standing throughout the* **Eucharistic Prayer (G)**



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

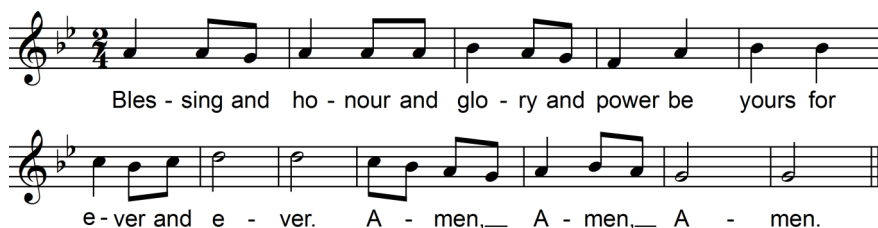
Je - sus, un - til you come in glo - ry.

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 the Virgin Mary and 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:



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

Believing the promises of God 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**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

## ¶ 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.**

## ¶ Please 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**

### **The Eucharist and Intinction**

*Intinction is the practice of dipping the bread wafers into the wine. This has implications for those who are gluten intolerant as traces of gluten are more likely to enter the wine. We therefore ask you **not to dip the wafer into the chalice.***

*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. The Chalice will be offered for those who wish to receive in both kinds. There is no compulsion about this. If you are worried about receiving the Chalice, please remember that making your Communion in one kind is entirely acceptable. 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 and 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)

¶ Please 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 **Notice and Banns of Marriage**

¶ Remain standing for the **Dismissal Gospel**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered what he had said; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

¶ Remain standing for the **Blessing**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

Please bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

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* **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 (1935–2023)

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

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

We go into the world to walk in God's light,  
to rejoice in God's love and to reflect God's glory.

**In darkness and in light, in trouble and in joy, help us,  
heavenly Father, to trust your love, to serve your  
purpose, and to praise your name.**

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

## **Organ Voluntary**

Chorale Prelude *Ach Herr, mich armen Sünder*, BWV742  
(Ah, Lord, be merciful to me, a poor sinner)  
J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

## **NOTICES**

### **Servers' rehearsal for Holy Week**

There will be a rehearsal for all Servers next Saturday at 10.00

**Lent Discipline** Lent has traditionally been a time of self examination and study, followed by spiritual guidance and/or confession. Fr Mark and Fr Gary will be pleased to see anyone who feels they would like to have a confidential talk on a one-to-one basis. This can be as formal or informal as you wish and can cover any of the aforementioned topics. It is suggested that 15 minutes would be a reasonable time in the first instance with follow up sessions if needed. Please note, however, it is important that you contact Fr Mark and make an appointment to avoid clashes. Thank you.

As part of the traditional Lenten discipline of self-denial we are asked to put aside money each day for a worthy cause. Each is encouraged to donate to a charity of their choice.

**Stations of the Cross** Friday evenings at 19.30 throughout Lent.

## **Lent Courses**

Reflecting on '*Watch and Pray*', at The Vicarage on Tuesday starting at 14.00. *The Chosen* continues at The Free Church on Thursday at 14.30.

**Easter Lilies** we will decorate the church with lilies at Easter.

Donations towards their cost 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 terminal by the refreshments where you will find an Easter Lilies Donation Button.

**Electoral Roll Update.** It is time to update the Electoral Roll so can any member of the congregation who is not included on the roll please see Janet Parker for an application form. This is to ensure that everyone can have their say at the APCM when Church Wardens and PCC members are elected

## **Forthcoming dates and times** **Holy Week and Easter Sunday**

**Please note these in your diary**

24 March: Palm Sunday	Service starts at 10.00
Mon 25 – Wed 27 March	21.00 Compline and Address
28 March: Maundy Thursday	20.00 Eucharist and The Watch
29 March: Good Friday:	11.00 Walk of Witness from All Saints
	14.00 Solemn Liturgy
	19.30 Maria Desolata
30 March Easter Eve	20.00 Easter Vigil
31 March Easter Day, with special event in the afternoon	

## **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 one of the following:

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Sort Code: 20-43-63 Account: 60775193

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

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Requests for Baptisms and Marriages, including Banns, please  
look on the website or contact [office@stivesparishchurch.org.uk](mailto:office@stivesparishchurch.org.uk)

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

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

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