

**SERVICES  
TODAY**

Sunday 15 March Lent 4 Mothering Sunday

<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion (BCP)</b>
<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Mothering Sunday Service</b>
Readings	Exodus 2:1-10; Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:33-35
Reader	Heather
Intercessor	tbc
A/V team	Tbc & Derek
Welcome team	Caroline, Rebecca & Ian
Prayer Ministry	Barbara & David V
Coffee	Laura & Janet
Flowers	No flowers in Lent
<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Evening Praise</b>

**NEXT SUNDAY**

Sunday 22 March Lent 5

<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion (BCP)</b>
<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion (sung)</b>
Readings	Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33
Reader	Olive
Intercessor	Karen
Chalice	Barbara & Dennis
A/V team	Steve & Doug
Welcome team	Caroline, Barbara & Steve K
Prayer Ministry	June & Ian
Coffee	Pat & Jean
Flowers	No flowers in Lent
<b>4.00pm</b>	<b>Messy Church</b>

“The ladies of the church  
have cast off clothing of  
every kind. They may be  
seen in the basement on  
Friday afternoon.”

Prayer Pointers

- † Give thanks and pray for the unsung heroes who serve St Mary's 'behind the scenes' - cleaning the church, serving refreshments, doing maintenance, giving lifts, updating the website, liaising with service providers, organising rotas and so on.
- † Give thanks for mothers and pray for them, particularly for those who face tough parenting challenges and for those who regret not being mothers
- † Almost a year ago Boko Haram kidnapped 276 girls from their school in Chibok. They still have not been released. Pray for them and their grieving families. The Lord is mighty to save.
- † Pray for all those suffering under the IS regime that they would soon be liberated.

If you have any prayer requests for the prayer chain, or if you would like to join the prayer chain, please let Joyce Watts know.



**Sunday 15 March  
Mothering Sunday**

The child's father and mother marvelled at what was said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too."

Sunday Collect:  
Merciful Lord, you  
know our struggle to  
serve you:  
when sin spoils our lives  
and overshadows our  
hearts,  
come to our aid  
and turn us back to you  
again;  
through Jesus Christ  
our Lord. Amen

## WEEKLY DIARY

### Monday 16 March

9.30am Bible study for parents/carers of tots

7.30pm Avondale home group meets

8.00pm Thorny Questions meets

8.00pm New Beginnings home group Contact Gill

### Tuesday 17 March

10.0am Discovery

8.00pm Choir Practice in church

### Wednesday 18 March

9.30-11.30 Chapel Craft for pre-school children and carers

2.15pm Silver Circle in the large hall

2.30pm Home Group Contact Irene

8.00pm STEPS

8.00pm Art and Craft group at the Chapel. Contact Jo

### Thursday 19 March

10.00-10.15 Prayer in Jane's cupboard

10.15-12.15 Café in the small hall in the church

2.30pm Home Group contact Barbara

7.30pm Filmshare at the Chapel: Pier Paolo Pasolini's 1964 production of 'The Gospel according to St Matthew'

8.00pm Holly Grove Home Group meets

### Friday 20 March

9.30-12.30 Chapel Café

3.00pm Lutheran Church meets

7.30-9.00 Youth Group at the Chapel

♥ WORDS TO LIVE BY ♥

'We love Him because He first loved us.'

### OUT AND ABOUT:

**PRAYER MINISTRY IS AVAILABLE** after the service at the front of the church. Please leave a quiet space for those who wish to be prayed for. **EASTER LILIES** If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of Easter Lilies in memory of a loved one, see Heather **ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION** till 29 March. See Irene C if your details have changed, or if you want to be added to, or taken off, the roll. **GOOD FRIDAY** in Church 12.30-4pm Drop in for quiet with God. See display in the foyer or ask Sue for more information.

**APCM** Sunday 26 April.

**EXCITING SPRING AHEAD:-**

**ALPHA COURSE** 7-10pm **Fridays for 6 weeks from 17 April.** If interested, tell Neil or Jane.

**ACORN WORKSHOP** for all who want to go deeper in prayer and praying for others 10am-1pm **Saturday 18 April.** See Derek to book.

**WALK THROUGH THE NEW TESTAMENT Saturday 30 May.** Graham Mizon will be back to walk us through the NT. Please see Jane if you'd like to come. Cost £14

**FROM EVIDENCE TO ACTION ROADSHOW.** The Diocesan Parish Development & Evangelism Team will host Roadshows in April to showcase the new From Evidence to Action resource – designed to help churches engage with key issues of church growth. Advisers in Local Mission, Stewardship, Children & Families Ministry & Youth Ministry will be available for conversations. Venues include: Tues 14 April 2-4pm Cathedral Education Centre, Tues 14 April 7.30-9.30pm St Thomas-on-The Bourne, GU9 8HA **BIG CHURCH DAY OUT** 23-24 May. Fantastic event at Wiston House, Sussex. See Sue for details or pick up a flier in the foyer.