

PARISH CHURCH OF SAINT MARY, PULBOROUGH



MOTHERING SUNDAY

(The Fourth Sunday of Lent)

15th March, 2026

10.30am THE PARISH EUCHARIST

*We are very grateful that the leaflets today have
been generously sponsored*

'Happy birthday Fiona'.

Welcome to our Celebration for Mothering Sunday

Celebrant and Preacher: Fr Paul

Organist: Tony Hancock

The Reading: Alyson Heath

The Intercessions: Toni Hayes

Ministers of Communion: Ann Kaiser and Susie Hindman

In Lent we think of our **prayerfulness and giving** even more.

To keep our church heated, **lit and insured and to pay our parish contribution for the ministry we receive**, is a weekly financial

challenge for us. By joining the **Parish Giving**

Scheme, our Treasurer is assured of a regular

income, even when you are **unable to attend**

church. Please consider using the PGS, details

can be found at the back of the church. Cash is

always welcome, please **ONLY** use a white gift aid

envelope if you are tax payer and able to fill in

your details on the front of the envelope.

We also have a **sum-up machine** at the back of the church for paying by card or you can use our **QR code to the right**.



Thank you so much for supporting our churches' ministry and mission

In the event of a fire or emergency in the Church, the exits available are: the West Door, the North Door, the South Door in the Chancel and the door through the Vestry. Please leave the building by an exit nearest to you

Refreshments are served after the service. Do join us.

*Opening organ music: Second movement from Concerto in D –
(The Guitar Concerto) – Vivaldi.*

Please stand when the bell is rung

**The Entrance Hymn: All our blessings, all our joys
Ally Barrett (born 1975) (Tune O&N 25 ii)**

***All our blessings, all our joys
with thankful hearts we sing,
true, forgiving, loving God
accept the praise we bring.***

**1 For parents and for children,
for husbands, wives, and friends,
for those whose care enfolds us
with love that never ends. *Refrain***

**2 For fellowship and friendship
we both receive and give,
for those who've shared our journey
and taught us how to live. *Refrain***

**3 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. *Refrain***

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

The Greeting

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Fr. Paul introduces the day's celebration

**We confess our sins – Saying sorry to God
O&N 962 – Friedrich Filitz (1804-1876)**

- 1 Lord, have mercy on us,
hear our humble plea;
Lord, have mercy on us,
set our spirits free.**

- 2 Christ, have mercy on us,
hear us as we pray;
Christ, have mercy on us,
take our sin away.**

- 3 Lord, have mercy on us,
hear our humble plea;
Lord, have mercy on us,
set our spirits free.**

May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen**

The Collect for the Day

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

The First Reading: Colossians 3: 12-17

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians

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.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God



Please stand

**Gradual Hymn: We gladly celebrate and praise
Alan Gaunt - (born 1935)
(Brother James' Air)**

- 1 We gladly celebrate and praise,
The gift so great and good,
Through which God's kindness is made known:
The gift of motherhood. (repeat last two lines)**

- 2 **We sing of Mary's mother-love:
For she, of all on earth,
Received the privilege to bear
And bring God's Son to birth. *(repeat last two lines)***
- 3 **We pray that God's own mother-love
Will hold in gentleness,
All children who have never known
A mother's tenderness. *(repeat last two lines)***
- 4 **For mothers, who with broken hearts,
Are faced with grief and loss,
We pray the Son of God will give
Deep comfort from his cross. *(repeat last two lines)***
- 5 **We trust the mother-love of God,
Who bears, in Mary's boy,
Our pain and sorrow, to secure
Our everlasting joy. *(repeat last two lines)***

The Gospel Reading: John 19: 25b-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.

Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit

The Homily

Please stand

The Creed

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

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

The Prayers of Intercession

This response may be used:

Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

The Intercessions may conclude with the following:

Merciful Father,

**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Please stand

The Peace

Fr. Paul introduces the Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace



*At this point in the service a collection will be taken for the running of St. Mary's Church. **Please only use a white Gift-Aid envelope if you are a tax payer and fill in the details on the front of the envelope.** Thank you.*

**Offertory Hymn: NEH 375
Sydney Carter 1915 -2004**

**1 I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth,
at Bethlehem I had my birth.**

Refrain:

***Dance, then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.***

**2 I danced for the scribe and the pharisee,
but they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me.
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John -
they came with me and the dance went on. *Refrain:***

- 3 I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;
the holy people said it was a shame.
they whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high,
and they left me there on a Cross to die. *Refrain:*
- 4 I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
but I am the Dance, and I still go on. *Refrain:*
- 5 They cut me down and I leapt up high;
I am the life that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me -
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. *Refrain:*

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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.

It is always right to give you thanks,
God our Creator, loving and faithful, holy and strong.
You made us and the whole universe,
and filled your world with life.

You sent your Son to live among us,
Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child.

He suffered on the cross;
he died to save us from our sins;
he rose in glory from the dead.

You send your Spirit to bring new life to the world,
and clothe us with power from on high.
And so we join the angels to celebrate and sing:

O&N 971

John Ballantine (born 1945)

- 1 Holy, holy, holy is the Lord,
holy is the Lord God almighty.
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord,
holy is the Lord God almighty:
who was, and is, and is to come;
holy, holy, holy is the Lord.**

- 2 Blessèd, blessèd, blest is he who comes,
blest is he comes in the Lord's name.
Blessèd, blessèd, blest is he who comes,
blest is he comes in the Lord's name.
Hosanna in the heights of heav'n.
Blessèd, blessèd, blessèd is the Lord.**

Father, on the night before he died,
Jesus shared a meal with his friends.
He took the bread, and thanked you.
He broke it, and gave it to them, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine.
He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you.
This is my blood, the new promise of God's unfailing love.
Do this to remember me.

Jesus Christ has died.
Jesus Christ has died.

Jesus Christ is risen.
Jesus Christ is risen.

Jesus Christ will come again.
Jesus Christ will come again.

Father, as we bring this bread and wine,
and remember his death and resurrection,
send your Holy Spirit,
that we who share these gifts
may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.

Pour your Spirit on us that we may love one another,
work for the healing of the earth,
and share the good news of Jesus,
as we wait for his coming in glory.

For honour and praise belong to you, Father,
with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit:
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

Please kneel or sit

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

O&N 978 Michael L Forster (born 1946)
based on the *Agnus Dei*

- 1 O Lamb of God, come cleanse our hearts
and take our sin away.
O Lamb of God, your grace impart,
and let our guilty fear depart,
have mercy, Lord, we pray.
have mercy, Lord, we pray.**

- 2 O Lamb of God, our lives restore,
our guilty souls release.
Into our lives your Spirit pour
and let us live for evermore
in perfect heav'nly peace,
in perfect heav'nly peace.**

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.**

*Communion is administered in both kinds. Receiving consecrated wine directly from the chalice is offered for those who feel comfortable to do this. **Please do not dip the consecrated wafer into the chalice.***

Please wait to be directed to communion

Choir Anthem: The Magnificat – Ireland in F

Communion Hymn: NEH 387
Jesus noster, Jesus bonus Adam of Saint Victor (12th Century)
tr John Mason Neale (1818-1860)
adapted by Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)

- 1 **Jesus, good above all other,
Gentle child of gentle mother,
In a stable born our brother,
Give us grace to persevere.**

- 2 **Jesus, cradled in a manger,
For us facing every danger,
Living as a homeless stranger,
Make we thee our King most dear.**

- 3 **Jesus, for thy people dying,
Risen Master, death defying,
Lord in heaven, thy grace supplying,
Keep us to thy presence near.**

- 4 **Jesus, who our sorrows bearest,
All our thoughts and hopes thou sharest,
Thou to us the truth declarest;
Help us all thy truth to hear.**

**5 Lord, in all our doings guide us;
Pride and hate shall ne'er divide us,
We'll go on with thee beside us,
And with joy we'll persevere!**

Prayer after Communion

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**

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to
be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

Notices will be given out

The Blessing and distribution of flowers



The Lord be with you.
and also with you.

The Dismissal

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

The Recessional Hymn: O&N 631
Timothy Dudley-Smith (born 1926) from *Luke 1 vs46-55*

- 1 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.
- 2 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy Name, the Lord, the Mighty One.
- 3 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.
- 4 Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!

*Concluding organ music: Third movement from Concerto in D –
(The Guitar Concerto) – Vivaldi.*

FAIR-TRADED EASTER EGGS

We are pleased to say that Miq Kelland is selling Fair-traded Easter eggs today after the Parish Eucharist. Do please support this very worthy initiative for your Easter eggs this year. Miq will be pleased to receive **cash** for all purchases.



For your prayers this week

We pray for Pope Leo XIV and his ministry to the world-wide church.

We pray for the Rt Revd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally, Archbishop of Canterbury. We also pray for Martin, our Bishop as he prepares for his retirement.

*In the **Anglican cycle of prayer** this Sunday we pray for:
The Anglican Church of Kenya*

*In our **Diocesan cycle of prayer** we pray for:
The Bishop of Lewes, The Right Reverend William Hazlewood and his PA Nicky Still*

*We also pray for the **Venerable Dr. Tom Carpenter**, our Archdeacon*

*We pray for the work of **SPLASH** in their work with young people across the Deanery.*

*We pray for **our nation and government**:
For King Charles and his family. We pray for our Government and all members of Parliament especially Andrew Griffith our own MP*

*We continue to pray for all those caught up in the **conflicts in the Middle East, Ukraine and other troubled parts of the world**. We pray for all **migrants and refugees** and all who have been driven from their homes. We pray for all world leaders, diplomats and ambassadors and all working for the common good.*

*We pray for the work of **Education West Africa**, the people of Sierra Leone and the work of the Church there remembering especially the Dioceses of Freetown and Bo.*

*We continue to pray for **the work of FSW** across the Diocese.
We pray for our **local Care Homes**: Hillside Lodge, The Anchorage, Petworth Cottage Nursing Home, Rotherlea and Barlavington Manor*

Those who are now in need of healing:

Patrick Carr, Toni Hayes, Sarah and James Ross, Carole Brooke, Jim Crowley, Charlie Goldsmith, Frances Usher-Smith, Matt, Don Hubert, Margaret Gregory, Maud and James

Those who are in need of on-going prayer:

Peter Johnston, Helen Leeke, Rachel Webbe, James McDonagh, Victoria and Tim

Pray to rest in peace: *Ursula Marriage, Janice Roscoe and Marcus Bradbury*

Anniversary of death: *Mary Grover, Leslie Etheridge, John Fooks, Jeffrey Philpott, Ian Jenkinson, Yvonne Leese, Margaret Short*

Village Prayers: *Together with the other churches in the village we pray for all who live and work in Lower Street (west of Sorting Office) Skeyne Drive, Carpenters Meadow, Barnhouse Close, Barnhouse Lane, Arun Court and Allfreys Wharf*

Church and Liturgical Diary

16th Monday: *Feria of Lent*

10am to 12noon The HUB meet in Pulborough Library

3.15-4.15 Kingfishers meet at School

7.30pm Tower Bellringing

17th: Tuesday: *St Patrick, Bishop and missionary, Patron of Ireland*

9.30am Morning Prayer

4.30pm Confirmation group meeting in church

18th Wednesday: *Feria of Lent (St Cryil of Jerusalem, Bishop, Teacher 386*

9.45am Morning Prayer

10.15 am The Holy Eucharist

7pm Lent Group: Session 4 at The Rectory

19th Thursday: ST JOSEPH OF NAZARETH

9.30am Morning Prayer

20th Friday: *Feria of Lent (St Cuthbert, Bishop of Lindisfarne, missionary 687))*

10am Lent Group: Session 4 in church

12noon The Holy Eucharist

21st Saturday: *Feria of Lent*

22nd THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

8am THE Holy Eucharist Said in the chapel

10.15am THE PARISH EUCHARIST

Readings: Ezekiel 37. 1-14, Romans 8. 6-11 and John 11. 1-45

ST MARY'S PASTORAL CARE TEAM

We have set up a team of people to support pastoral care within the congregation. If you would like to contact the team, or know someone who may need support, please speak to Susie Hindman (hindman_susan@hotmail.com).

FUNERALS OF MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

The funeral of Ursula Marriage will be on **Wednesday 25th March at 2pm** in church.

The funeral of Janice Roscoe will be on **Friday 10th April at 1.30pm** in church

'May they rest in peace and rise in glory'

LEAFLET SPONSORING FOR THE NEXT FEW MONTHS

Do you have a special occasion or date in memory of a loved one
Do consider sponsoring one of the services.

We ask for a £25 donation, gift-aided, if possible, which helps us
cover the cost of printing and paper

The dates we have for the next two months are:

Sundays in April: 12th or 26th

Sundays in May: 3rd, 24th or 31st

Do contact Ann Kaiser (ann.kasier@live.co.uk) if you can help

THE REVISION OF THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

The Church Electoral Roll will be revised by the PCC, beginning on
Sunday 5th April and ending on Sunday 19th April.

Forms to have your name included on the roll are available at the
back of the church.

Under the Church Representation Rules any lay persons are entitled
to have their names entered on the roll if the person is— (a) is
baptised, (b) is aged 16 or over, and (c) has made one of the
following three declarations and duly applied for enrolment.

The first declaration is that the person is a member of the Church of
England or of a Church in communion with it and is resident in the
parish.

The second declaration is that the person is a member of the
Church of England or of a Church in communion with it, is not resident
in the parish, but has habitually attended public worship in the parish
during the preceding six months.

The third declaration is that the person is a member in good
standing of a Church which is not in communion with the Church of
England but subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity and is also a
member of the Church of England and has habitually attended public
worship in the parish during the preceding six months.

Toni Hayes, Electoral Roll Officer

COFFEE MONEY

It was amusing to find five pre-decimal halfpennies in the bowl a week or so ago. Unfortunately, the one that is 110 years old is not in very good condition!

We have always been reluctant to set prices for the refreshments after the service, and have relied on donations. Currently, these average about 60p per person

How much do you typically pay for a Fairtrade filter coffee or tea and biscuits (and, occasionally, a celebratory cake)? We suggest a minimum donation of £1, which must surely be less than 30% of high street prices. Thank you for your understanding

This year we are supporting Family Support Work (FSW) and Turning Tides as our Lenten Appeal

**FSW has been helping children and their families
across Sussex since 1890**



The charity support children and families through difficult times in their lives including low income and poverty; mental or physical ill health; disability; learning difficulties; school non-attendance and exclusion; bereavement; family break-up and domestic abuse.



Homelessness has

so many possible root causes – domestic violence, debt, addiction, grief or mental health challenges, to name a few. Turningtides believe that real change comes from more than a roof over someone's head.

With kindness and experience, their team helps people tackle the issues behind their homelessness whether through counselling, substance use support or simply some guidance to get life back on track.

There is a specific plate at the back of the Church for donations.