

St John the Baptist, Little Marlow





MOTHERING SUNDAY


A time to say thank you.



We are a growing community built on
Welcome | Varied Worship | Compassion


 We **welcome** everyone, valuing each individual's unique story and background


 We celebrate with a **variety of worship** styles, allowing people to connect with God in meaningful ways.

 **Compassion** drives our mission, as we care for one another and serve those in need, reflecting Christ's love in our actions.

Through acceptance, varied worship, and compassion, we strive to be a welcoming, loving, and spiritually vibrant community.

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 Book a date and time to suit
<https://bit.ly/3sH6jzJ>

WELCOME

A MESSAGE FROM CHILDREN



HYMN



OPENING PRAYER

What are we thankful to God for, for your mum or who has been like a mum to you?



Use the flower-shaped post-it note to write the things you are most thankful to God for.

Place your “flower” in the basket

**Loving God, we give thanks for all who care for us,
who have encouraged us and helped us grow,
who have forgiven us, and cared for us when we were unwell,
who have supported us when times were hard,
who have challenged us, who have told us about you.**

Nurturing God, we give you thanks.

Amen

COLLECT FOR MOTHERING SUNDAY

God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and 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 bring 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 forever.

Amen



PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHOM MOTHERING SUNDAY IS A DIFFICULT TIME



Loving Father, we pray for those for whom Mothering Sunday is a time of heartache rather than celebration.

We pray for those who have never known their mother or whose mothers have died.

Heavenly Father, bless them with your love

We pray for those who long to be mothers but as yet have not had their own children.

Heavenly Father, bless them with your love

We pray for those who struggle with the way their children have chosen to live their lives

Heavenly Father, bless them with your love

We pray for those who have a difficult relationship with their mother.

Heavenly Father, bless them with your love

We pray for those whose children have died.

Heavenly Father, bless them with your love

May they have the comfort of knowing that your love for them is constant, your understanding is perfect, your compassion is never-ending.

Amen

REMEMBERING MOTHERS



Dear Lord,

We are so grateful that you have made us all in your own image, giving us gifts and talents with which to serve you.

For our mothers who are no longer here physically, we thank you.

Thanking you the years we shared with her.

We lift those memories to you today,

in honour of the good we saw in her and the love we felt from her.

Please give us the strength to leave her in your care, in the knowledge of eternal life through Jesus Christ.

Amen

READING



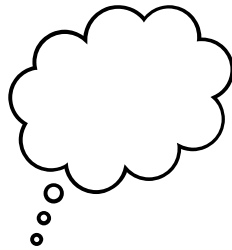
HYMN



READING



**SOME THOUGHTS
FOR MOTHERING
SUNDAY**



SHARING LOVE WITH OTHERS



Posies are given to each lady attending today.
If you'd like to take a posie for someone near your home
who needs to know how precious they are, please take
one for them too.

HYMN



PRAYERS

THANK YOU - SORRY - PLEASE



THANK YOU

A number of "thank you" prayers are said

Child 1 & 2: Please bless our mothers today with your love. In Jesus'
name.
Amen.

SORRY



All: Heavenly Father please forgive us when we haven't shown love to our mother or our father.

Child 1: We are sorry for the times we have not obeyed them.

Child 2: We are sorry for the times we haven't listened to them or respected them.

Adult: We are sorry for the times we have failed to meet their legitimate needs.

All: Help us to get better at honouring our parents, for the glory of your name. Amen.

Adult: May the God of love and power forgive us and free us from our sins, heal and strengthen us by his Spirit, and raise us to new life in Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Worship, Common. New Patterns for Worship (Common Worship: Services and Prayers for the Church of England) (p. 142). Church House Publishing. Kindle Edition.

PLEASE

All the MOTHERS in the congregation are invited to stand up to ask the Holy Spirit to come and equip them with all that they need to be godly mothers,

Father, we ask that you would fill each mother afresh with your Holy Spirit this morning.

Please give her love, wisdom and strength as she looks after her children.

Encourage her as she serves you in this way. For the glory of your name.

Amen.

PLEASE STAND

Let's join in together with the following prayer:

Father, we ask that you would fill each one of us afresh with your Holy Spirit this morning.

Please give us all we need to be able to love our parents.

For the glory of your name.

Amen.

Let's bring all our prayers together saying the Lord's prayer,
using Makaton signs:



**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

HYMN



NOTICES



FINAL PRAYER & BLESSING



**Let us go from here rejoicing that we are precious to God.
May his blessing touch our families and all who are precious to us.
May we, as the family of God, shine as precious stones reflecting his
love to the world
And the blessing of God Almighty.
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with you and remain with you always.
Amen.**

from a collection of Mothering Sunday Prayers produced by [Mothers Union](#), and posted on their website

You're welcome to stay for cakes, refreshments
and a prayer activity for families

We look forward to welcoming you
at any future services

Come and be part of a number of gatherings and events being planned

If you'd like to hear more about the various events and services being planned, why not sign up for more information?

Complete a Welcome Card or sign up at
<https://bit.ly/41pwNTw>



Weekly services

at St John the Baptist, Little Marlow

A wide variety of worship of different styles and for all ages is enjoyed each week

1st week	11am	Holy Communion <i>Using set prayers, hymns, a sermon and sharing communion</i> Light Club for ages 4-10 meets during part of the service
2nd Week	08:30am 11am	Holy Communion <i>Using set prayers, a sermon and sharing communion</i> Mattins <i>Using set traditional prayers for the morning, hymns and a sermon</i>
3rd Week	11am 6pm	Informal Service Ideal for all generations - we explore what the Bible has to say about a relevant topic Evensong <i>Using set traditional prayers for the evening, hymns and a sermon</i>
4th Week	8:30am 11am	Holy Communion <i>Using set traditional prayers, a sermon and sharing communion</i> Holy Communion <i>Using set prayers, hymns, a sermon and sharing communion</i>
5th Week	11am	Holy Communion <i>Using set prayers, hymns, a sermon and sharing communion</i>