

Horsford Benefice Weekly News Sheet

Parishes of Felthorpe, Hevingham & Horsford

Sunday 14 March 2021: Mothering Sunday

Readings

Exodus 2:1-10; Psalm 34: 11-20; Colossians 3:12-17; John 19: 25b-27

Collect

God of love,
passionate and strong,
tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us
all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Specific prayers for this coming week:

- For the family & friends of Jennie Reynolds whose funeral takes place on the 17 March, St Faith's Crematorium
- For the Church Warden elections on Sunday 11 April
- For the preparations for the Archdeacon's Visitation on 18 April
- For the families arranging baptisms for their children later this year
- Giving thanks for the £1,040 raised for Horsford Church Room from the sponsored events this month
- Preparations for Holy Week
- Those involved in preparing Felthorpe and Horsford churches for services from Holy Week

Reader's Sunday Reflection: Mothering Sunday

What do we think of on Mother's Day?

Perhaps the obvious? It's the day when we can express our love and gratitude to our Mum's for what they do for us. We may give gifts, often flowers. But how did Mother's Day originate?

During the 16th century, people returned to their mother church - either a large local church or more often the nearest Cathedral for a service of thanksgiving for the 'Mother Church', giving honour to the Virgin Mary.

In later times, Mothering Sunday became a day when domestic servants were given a day off to visit their Mother Church, usually with their own mothers and other family members. It was often the only time families could gather together and might have been their only day off in the year. The children would often pick flowers along the way and place them in the church or give them to their mothers as gifts. Eventually, this religious tradition evolved into Mother's Day, a secular tradition of giving gifts to mothers.

So whether it is Pharaoh's daughter looking after the baby boy discovered in the reeds or Jesus dying on the cross introducing the disciple to his Mother and vice versa, the past year has taught us that the Mothering role can be fulfilled in many different ways.

Sadly, during this pandemic, many families have lost someone they love. The role of Mother has changed in these families. So let's spare a thought and prayer for those whose roles have unexpectedly changed and /or disappeared.

Benefice Easter Cards

If you are able to help distribute these in Horsford, please do collect a bundle or 2 to deliver. You can collect from All Saints Church.

Archdeacon's Visitation 18 April

Karen will be joining us for our Morning Worship at our 10.30am Benefice service. She's agreed to an interview. If you've a question for an Archdeacon, here's your chance! Please send any questions to me by **Friday 9 April** via email or on paper through The Rectory door.

Holy Week Services: 29 March – 4 April

Monday to Saturday, every evening, 9pm: Compline, on **zoom**

All Saints, Horsford:

- Tuesday 30 March: 10.30am, mid-week communion
- Good Friday 2 April: 10am, Passion service
- Easter Sunday, 10.30am, Communion Service

St Margaret of Antioch, Felthorpe:

- Easter Sunday, 5pm: Communion

Benefice Prayer will recommence the week of the 12 April:

- Tuesday Celtic Morning Prayer, 8.30am, Felthorpe church
- Wednesday prayer for the Benefice, 4pm, Horsford church

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