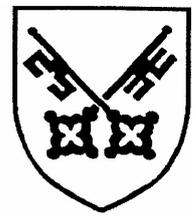


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## **Bishop Sarah Mullally will be installed as Archbishop of Canterbury on 25<sup>th</sup> March By Rev'd Hannah Reynolds**

In a special service at St Paul's Cathedral, at her Confirmation of Election, Bishop Sarah Mullally DBE legally became the 106th Archbishop of Canterbury on 28<sup>th</sup> January.



[Archbishop Sarah after the Confirmation of her Election at St Paul's Cathedral. Photo: Graham Lacroix/St Paul's Cathedral]

The Confirmation of Election is a legal ceremony, set within a church service, at which Bishop Sarah, the Archbishop-Elect, legally became the Archbishop of Canterbury. Archbishop Sarah's first act as Archbishop was to take up the Primatial Cross and give the blessing at the end of the service.

The next stage of her journey, was posted on Facebook on the 4<sup>th</sup> February: "It was a privilege to pay homage to His Majesty The King at Buckingham Palace.

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[Archbishop Sarah and King Charles at Buckingham Palace. Photo: Aaron Chown]

“I give thanks for His Majesty’s deep Christian faith, demonstrated in his life of service to our nation and the Commonwealth. I was conscious today of having paid homage to the King's late mother, Queen Elizabeth II, when I became Bishop of London.

“I am grateful for his support of the Church of England as I now begin this new ministry as the Archbishop of Canterbury.” Archbishop Sarah also met the leaders of other Christian denominations and other faiths in the UK. She also co-presided at the Church of England’s General Synod in London in February, where she delivered the Presidential Address.

The final step will be her Installation service at Canterbury Cathedral on 25<sup>th</sup> March (the Feast of the Annunciation, Lady Day), where Archbishop Sarah will preach her first sermon as Archbishop of Canterbury.

By tradition, Archbishop Sarah will begin her public ministry and full programme of public engagements following her Installation.

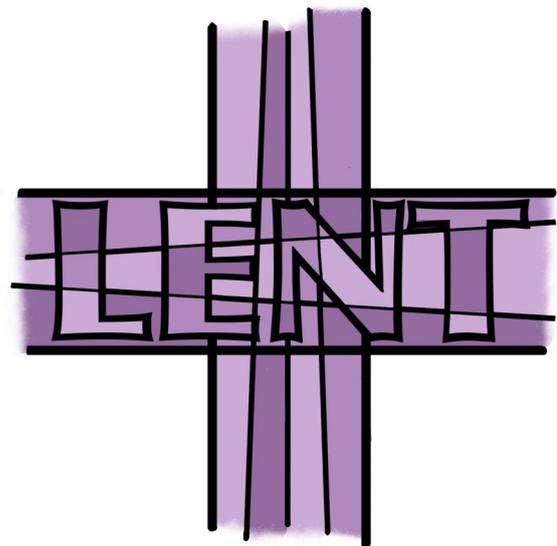
Bishop Sarah said: “It is an extraordinary and humbling privilege to have been

called to be the 106th Archbishop of Canterbury. In this country and around the world, Anglican churches bring healing and hope to their communities. With God’s help, I will seek to guide Christ’s flock with calmness, consistency and compassion.

“These are times of division and uncertainty for our fractured world. I pray that we will offer space to break bread together and discover what we have in common – and I pledge myself to this ministry of hospitality.

“I want us to be a Church that always listens to the voices of those who have been ignored or overlooked, among them victims and survivors of church abuse who have often been let down.

“I am committed to equipping the Church to be a kind and safe place that cares for everyone, especially those who are vulnerable, as we rise to the challenge of God’s call to justice, equity, peace and the care of creation”.



# St Peter's Church Quiz & Chips Dates for 2025-26

**2026**  
**18<sup>th</sup> April**  
**16<sup>th</sup> May**  
**20<sup>th</sup> June**

Contact [quiz@stpeters-didcot.org.uk](mailto:quiz@stpeters-didcot.org.uk), or Hugh on  
01235 811465.

The 2025/26 Quiz season continued in February—a report will appear in the March Magazine.

In addition to the Fish and Chip Supper, there is a bar, which now serves beer from the local brewery, Love Beer, which is proving very popular!

Speak to Hugh if you are interested in joining a team, or bringing a new team of your own.

## Plant and Produce Sale



This year the plant and produce sale will take place on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May between 10.30AM and 1.00PM. Now is the time to think about what extra plants you can grow or produce to make for the sale to help swell the church funds.

Speak to Alan or Anita for more information



## Prayer Intentions: March 2026

<p><b>1st: Lent II</b> Rdgs: Psalm 74; Numbers 21: 4-9; Matthew 8: 1-13.</p> <p><b>Prayer intentions:</b> Church Street, East Street. Those who lead the intercessions in church</p>	<p><b>2nd: Chad</b> Readings: Psalms 26, 32; Jeremiah 7: 21-end; John 6: 41-51. A 7th Century Anglo- Saxon Bishop of Northumbria <b>Prayer intentions:</b> High Street, Bourne Street. Bishop Steven, Bishop Gavin, and the Area Team.</p>	<p><b>3rd:</b> Readings: Psalm 50; Jeremiah 8: 1-15; John 6: 52-59.</p> <p><b>Prayer intentions:</b> Northbourne Court, Pease Place. Those who watch and wait with the terminally ill.</p>	<p><b>4th:</b> Readings: Psalm 35; Jeremiah 8:18-9: 11; John 6: 60-end.</p> <p><b>Prayer intentions:</b> Ridgeway Road, Beech Lane Crowberry Place Everyone who attends or helps at Wednesday Church</p>
<p><b>5th:</b> Readings: Psalm 34; Jeremiah 9: 12-24; John 7: 1-13.</p> <p><b>Prayer intentions:</b> Sinodun Road, Bridge Close . The work of The Mothers' Union worldwide.</p>	<p><b>6th:</b> Readings: Psalms 40, 41; Jeremiah 10: 1-16; John 7: 14-24.</p> <p><b>Prayer intentions:</b> Kynaston Road Ramsons Crescent, Our choir and Director of Music.</p>	<p><b>7th Perpetua, Felicity, etc</b> Readings: Psalms 3, 25; Jeremiah 10: 17-24; John 7: 25-36.</p> <p>Perpetua, Felicity and Companions were third century Christian martyrs—arrested and executed as part of the celebrations of the Emperor's birthday. <b>Prayer intentions:</b> Broadway, Vicarage Road Victims of domestic violence.</p>	<p><b>8th: Lent III</b> Readings: Psalm 46; Amos 7: 10-end; 2 Corinthians 1: 1-11.</p> <p><b>Prayer intentions:</b> St Andrew's Road, St Peter's Road. Those who read Scriptures in church.</p>
<p><b>9th:</b> Readings: Psalm 5, 7; Jeremiah 11: 1-17; John 7: 37-52.</p> <p><b>Prayer intentions:</b> Wessex Road, Samor Way. Pebbles Baby Church.</p>	<p><b>10th</b> Readings: Psalms 6, 9; Jeremiah 11: 18-12: 6; John 7: 53-8: 11.</p> <p><b>Prayer intentions:</b> Lower Broadway, Roebuck Court. Those taking part in the Lent Groups.</p>	<p><b>11th:</b> Readings: Psalm 38; Jeremiah 13: 1-11; John 8: 12-30.</p> <p><b>Prayer intentions:</b> Hagbourne Road Buttercup Mews Those who struggle with their faith.</p>	<p><b>12th:</b> Readings: Psalms 56, 57; Jeremiah 14; John 8: 31-47.</p> <p><b>Prayer intentions:</b> Ernest Road, Edmund's Court. Carers and those who work to help those who need extra help in the home.</p>
<p><b>13th:</b> Readings: Psalm 22; Jeremiah 15: 10-end; John 8: 48-end.</p> <p><b>Prayer intentions:</b> Fairacres Road, Marlborough Court. Those who are grieving, that they may know the comfort of the Holy Spirit</p>	<p><b>14th:</b> Readings: Psalm 31; Jeremiah 16: 10-17: 4; John 9: 1-17.</p> <p><b>Prayer intentions:</b> Oatland Road, Wintergreen Close. Those who keep the church clean and tidy.</p>	<p><b>15th: Mothering Sunday</b> Readings: Psalm 19; Isaiah 43: 1-7; Ephesians 2: 8-14.</p> <p><b>Prayer intentions:</b> Mereland Road, Laburnum Grove. Mothers and fathers, those who act as parents to children. Those unable to have a family.</p>	<p><b>16th:</b> Readings: Psalm 70, 77; Jeremiah 17: 5-18; John 9: 18-end.</p> <p><b>Prayer intentions:</b> Abbott Road, Abbott Close The Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Scouts and Beavers, and Boys/Girls Brigade.</p>

## Prayer Intentions: March 2026

<p><b>17th: Patrick</b> Readings: Psalms 54, 79; Jeremiah 18: 1-12; John 10: 1-10.</p> <p>At 16, he was kidnapped and sold into slavery in Ireland. He escaped and eventually returned to Ireland as a missionary.</p> <p><b>Prayer intentions:</b> Richmere Road, The Croft; Those in training for the priesthood and as lay ministers.</p>	<p><b>18th: Cyril</b> Readings: Psalms 63, 90; Jeremiah 18: 13-end; John 10: 11-21.</p> <p>A 4th century theologian, born in Caesarea, he was Bishop of Jerusalem in 350AD.</p> <p><b>Prayer intentions:</b> Marsh Cottages, Jubilee Way, Regent Gardens The Schools in our parish: Northbourne; Willowcroft; Aureus Primary &amp; St Birinus.</p>	<p><b>19: Joseph</b> Readings: Psalm 25; Isaiah 11:1-10; Matthew 2:13-end.</p> <p>Mary's husband and the adoptive father of Jesus.</p> <p><b>Prayer intentions:</b> Saxon's Way, Viking Drive Foster Carers and adoptive parents.</p>	<p><b>20th: Cuthbert</b> Readings: Psalm 102; Jeremiah 19: 14-20: 6; John 11: 1-16.</p> <p>One of the most important British saints. He was a Celtic monk, missionary and hermit.</p> <p><b>Prayer intentions:</b> Oriel Court, Lincoln Gardens. The Anglican Church in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.</p>
<p><b>21st: Thomas Cranmer</b> Readings: Psalm 32; Jeremiah 20: 7-end; John 11: 17-27.</p> <p>Compiler of the Book of Common Prayer and Protestant Martyr.</p> <p><b>Prayer intentions:</b> Beaufort Close, Worcester Drive. Churches Together in Didcot and District</p>	<p><b>22nd Passion Sunday</b> Readings: Psalm 86; Lamentations 3: 19-33; Matthew 20: 17-end.</p> <p><b>Prayer intentions:</b> Exeter Court, Magdalene Court Those who care for the Church linens.</p>	<p><b>23rd:</b> Readings: Psalm 73 Jeremiah 21: 1-10; John 11: 28-44.</p> <p><b>Prayer intentions:</b> Merton Close, Somerville Didcot Community Hospital.</p>	<p><b>24th: Oscar Romero</b> Readings: Psalm 35; Genesis 3: 8-15; Galatians 4: 1-5.</p> <p><b>Prayer intentions:</b> Nuffield Close, Dirac Place Didcot Library and the services they provide for the community and schools.</p>
<p><b>25th: The Annunciation</b> Readings: Pss 111, 113; 1 Samuel 2:1-10; Romans 5:12-end .</p> <p><b>Prayer intentions:</b> Fleet Way, Kibble Close; Wantage Convent and the Community at Cuddesdon and the former Community of Alton Abbey.</p>	<p><b>26th:</b> Readings: Psalm 40; Jeremiah 23: 9-32; John 12: 12-19.</p> <p><b>Prayer intentions:</b> St John's Close, Ruskin Close Our finance team.</p>	<p><b>27th</b> Readings: Psalm 22; Jeremiah 24; John 12: 20-36a.</p> <p><b>Prayer intentions:</b> Shannon Road, Severn Road Those who receive Home Communion.</p>	<p><b>28th:</b> Readings: Psalm 23; Jeremiah 25: 1-14; John 12: 36b-end.</p> <p><b>Prayer intentions:</b> Western Avenue Newlands Avenue Those who maintain the Church grounds and Gardens.</p>
<p><b>29th: Palm Sunday</b> Readings: Psalms 61, 62; Zechariah 9: 9-12; Luke 16: 19-end.</p> <p><b>Prayer intentions:</b> Kennet Place, Thames Court All those leading services in Didcot during Holy Week.</p>	<p><b>30th: Mon of Holy Wk</b> Readings: Psalm 41; Lamentations 1: 1-12a; Luke 22: 1-23.</p> <p><b>Prayer intentions:</b> Tyne Square Medway Grove Those who are alone, those who are lonely, those who despair.</p>	<p><b>31st Tues of Holy Wk</b> Readings: Psalm 27; Lamentations 3: 1-18; Luke 22: 24-53.</p> <p><b>Prayer intentions:</b> Sundew Close Honeysuckle Way The clergy, ministers and choir as they prepare for the Triduum.</p>	



New members are always warmly welcomed to join (first visit is 'free to see') and chat over tea and biscuits at the monthly meetings are held on the **third Tuesday of every month** for this nationwide self-help teaching and learning organisation in the **Didcot Civic Hall, meetings start 2:30 pm.**

Meetings for the coming months in 2026 will include;

**March 17th** - 'On top but never in control!' a talk from botanist by Timothy Walker about gardening.

**April 21st** - A talk from a former forensic expert - Haley

For further information concerning all matters u3a and wishing to 'Learn, Laugh, Live' . . . then go to the **NEW WEBSITE:** [didcot.u3asite.uk](http://didcot.u3asite.uk)

*'Learn, Laugh, Live!'*

## 15th March – Mothering Sunday, 4th Sunday in Lent

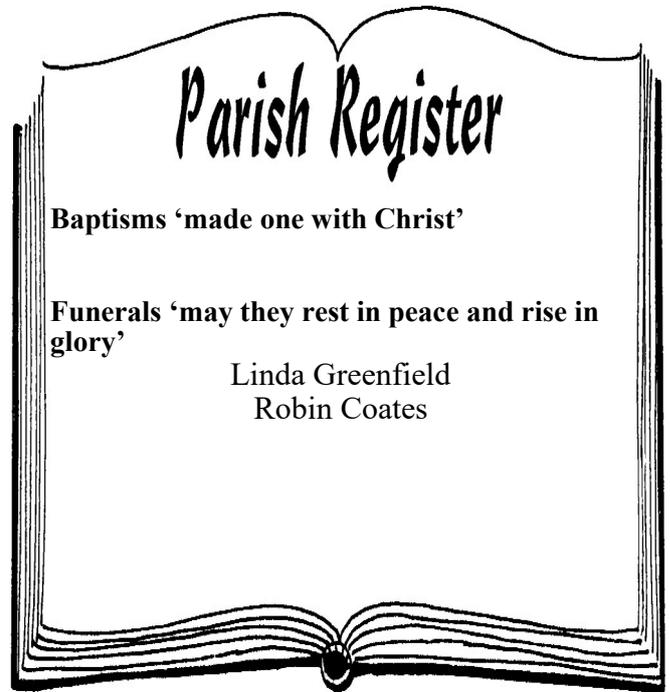
There is an old Jewish saying: *God could not be everywhere, and therefore He made mothers.*

Mother Church, Mother Earth, Mother of the Gods – our human mothers – all of them have been part of the celebration of 'Mothering Sunday' – as the fourth Sunday in Lent is affectionately known. It has been celebrated in the UK since at least the 16<sup>th</sup> century.

In Roman times, great festivals were held every Spring to honour Cybele, Mother of all the Gods. Other pagan festivals in honour of Mother Earth were also celebrated. With the arrival of Christianity, the festival became one honouring Mother Church.

During the Middle Ages, young people apprenticed to craftsmen or working as 'live-in' servants were allowed only one holiday a year on which to visit their families – which is how 'Mothering Sunday' got its name. This special day became a day of family rejoicing, and the Lenten fast was broken. In some places the day was called Simnel Day, because of the sweet cakes called simnel cakes traditionally eaten on that day.

In recent years the holiday has changed and in many ways now resembles the American Mother's Day, with families going out to Sunday lunch and generally making a fuss of their mother on the day.



## Year's Mind for March

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| 1 Eric Stratford      | 19 Elizabeth Keep     |
| Edith Jean Turner     | 20 Cyril Goodgen      |
| 2 Christopher Preece  | Bernerd Measor        |
| 3 Edwin Gibbens       | 21 Ernest Bennell     |
| Samuel Lane           | Rose Burrows          |
| Daisy Culliford       | Roderick Harper       |
| 4 Gertrude Edmonds    | John Luke             |
| Vera Cook             | 22 Sarah Mathews      |
| 5 James East          | Edward Knights        |
| Ernest Cox            | Sylvia Ann Hughes     |
| Lizzie Humphreys      | 23 William James      |
| 6 Phyllis Waddicor    | Millicent Grimes      |
| Eliza Turner          | John Hall             |
| 7 Bernard Powell      | Doris Fisher          |
| 8 Harold Cooper       | 24 Ted Hillier        |
| Jack Weston           | Stephen Mitchell      |
| Maurice Engle         | Edgar Bean            |
| Charlotte Denwood     | 25 Anton Janiw        |
| 9 Charles Wood        | 26 Peter Williams     |
| 10 Margery Buckingham | 27 Alfred Ball        |
| Dorothy Belcher       | Ernest Edmonds        |
| Timothy Hartnett      | George Jones          |
| Frederick Hatt        | Alice Daniels         |
| 11 Priscilla Grimes   | David Welch           |
| Edward Taylor         | Barbara Varney        |
| 12 Ethel James        | 28                    |
| Stasia James          | 29 Frederick Cleverly |
| Elisabeth Smith       | Ted Sharp             |
| 13 Elizabeth Jarvis   | 30 William Howell     |
| Henry Stone           | William Nicholls      |
| Gwilym Evans          | Muriel Cullen         |
| 14 Valerie Kelly      | 31 Irene Belton       |
| Arthur                | Eva Peall             |
| Kestell-Cornish       |                       |
| Edwin Reid            |                       |
| Sheila Burnham        |                       |
| 15 Gladys Andrews     |                       |
| Peter Brown           |                       |
| 16 Ernest Pease       |                       |
| 17 John Pruet         |                       |
| Stella Scott          |                       |
| 18 Audrey Johansen    |                       |
| Arthur Goodall        |                       |

Thought we'd go back to a Sudoku this month, but please let me know if you like the puzzles, and which you prefer

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Answers to February Crossword

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### Prayer for March 2026

(based on Jn3:21, Jn 14:6, Jn 8:12, Jn 16:33, Heb 13:5)

Lord,

In these weeks leading up to Easter, many of us spend time reflecting on what Jesus has done for us and how he can help us live our lives.

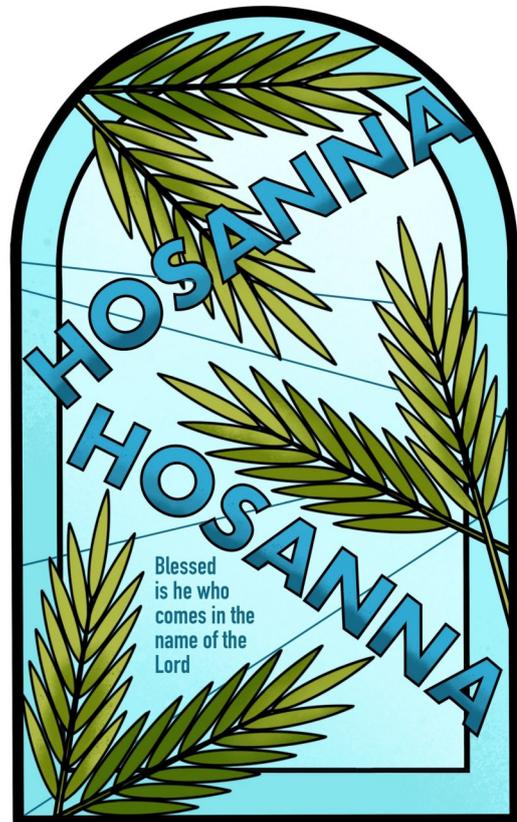
But we live in a harsh, confusing world, where traditional values are upended and we can hardly believe some of the things we hear from powerful world leaders. Truth seems to be lost in the darkness.

Lord, your word tells us that, **whoever lives by the truth comes into the light.**

Jesus says He is **the Truth**. He also says He is the **Light of the world**. Help us to hold fast to these facts. Help us to remember that Jesus said that in this world we will have trouble – so we shouldn't be surprised – but that He has overcome the world – so we should be encouraged.

Whatever is going on in the troubled world around us – we can live by the real Truth – and in the real Light – Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, who will never leave us or forsake us. Thank you so much. In Jesus name. Amen.

by Daphne Kitching



*If you would like to write an occasional front page article for the St Peter's Magazine, please talk to Revd Hannah.*

### Next issue

Wednesday 25 March 2026 is the next magazine deadline. Please email the editor with any articles—  
Maurice.Meardon@ntlworld.com

# Church Calendar for March 2026

## SERVICES IN CHURCH THIS MONTH

### Sunday 1 Lent II

10.00AM-Parish Mass

### Wednesday 4

10.00AM-Wednesday Church

### Thursday 5

9.30AM—Said Mass

### Sunday 8 Lent III

10.00AM—Parish Mass

### Monday 9

9:15AM- Pebbles Baby Church

### Thursday 12

9.30AM—Said Mass

### Sunday 15 Mothering Sunday

10.00AM—Parish Mass

### Thursday 19 *Joseph of Nazareth*

9.30AM—Said Mass

### Sunday 22 Passion Sunday

10.00AM—Parish Mass

### Wednesday 25 Annunciation

10.00am Northbourne School Service



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Alan Wilson  
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Tim Scane  
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## ONLINE SERVICES AND EVENTS THIS MONTH

Monday - Thursday & Saturday  
9.00AM Morning Prayer

Sunday  
10.00AM - Parish Mass—live streamed  
from church