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# Glossop Parish Church of All Saints

## Newsletter: March 2026

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### Prayer

Creator God,  
you with unlimited imagination:  
we celebrate all of creation,  
from the greatest mountain to the smallest grain of sand;  
we celebrate the great diversity of people you have brought forth  
we thank you for the earth and the great eco-system we are part of;  
we thank you for those that care and protect our environment.  
May we all respond to your calling to look after all you have given us.

*Christian Aid*

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### Vicar's Voice

As we enter more fully into the season of Lent, between Ash Wednesday and Easter, we are invited into a time of reflection, repentance, and renewal. Rooted in the forty days Jesus spent in the wilderness, Lent encourages us to slow down, pray more deeply, and examine our lives with honesty and hope. Traditionally marked by fasting, prayer, and acts of generosity, this season is not meant to be gloomy, but purposeful. It is a journey that prepares our hearts for the joy of Easter, reminding us that growth often comes through discipline, simplicity, and quiet faithfulness.

Within this reflective season falls Mothering Sunday, a day that carries both historical and spiritual significance. Originally, it was the time when people returned to their 'mother church' reconnecting with the place where their faith was nurtured. Over time, it also became a day to honour mothers and all those who offer care, guidance, and love in our lives.

The placement of Mothering Sunday in the middle of Lent is no accident. It serves as a gentle pause in the penitential journey, offering a moment of encouragement and thanksgiving. While Lent calls us to self-examination and sacrifice, Mothering Sunday reminds us of compassion, nurture, and the sustaining grace of community. It highlights the Church as a spiritual mother: welcoming, teaching, and supporting us as we grow in faith.

In observing Lent and celebrating Mothering Sunday, we are reminded that the Christian life is held in balance: repentance and joy, discipline and tenderness, reflection and gratitude. As we continue through this season, may we embrace both the challenge of Lent and the comfort of belonging — to God, to the Church, and to one another.

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### **Services during March**

Sunday 1st March

Foodbank Sunday — Parish Eucharist 10.30 am

Wednesday 4th March

Mid-week Eucharist 9.30 am

Sunday 8th March

Parish Eucharist 10.30 am

Wednesday 11th March

Mid-week Eucharist 9.30 am

Sunday 15th March

Mothering Sunday — Parish Eucharist 10.30 am

Wednesday 18th March

Mid-week Eucharist 9.30 am

Sunday 22nd March

Passion Sunday — Parish Eucharist 10.30 am

Wednesday 25th February

Mid-week Eucharist 9.30 am

Sunday 29th March

## **Holy Week at Glossop Parish Church of All Saints**

Through our participation in the sequence of services in Holy Week we are invited to reflect on Christ's own journey – from triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday to crucifixion on Good Friday – to bring 'salvation' to the world.

### **Palm Sunday, 29th March: 10.30am Parish Eucharist**

We participate in a liturgical enactment of the Palm Gospel and the Passion Gospel in which the whole story of Holy Week is anticipated. As we hear the stories of Jesus and his disciples in the days leading up to his death, we are invited to consider again our own discipleship.

### **Monday, 30th March – Wednesday 1st April: 7pm Stations of the Cross**

We are offered an opportunity to reflect on Jesus' path to the Cross.

### **Wednesday, 1st April: 9.30am Midweek Eucharist**

In this most holy of weeks we gather to be encountered by God through Word and Sacrament.

### **Maundy Thursday, 2nd April : 7pm Eucharist of the Last Supper and the Vigil**

We recall Christ's humble service demonstrated in his washing of his disciples' feet, his institution of the Eucharist, the meal to which all are invited, and the perfection of his loving obedience through the agony of Gethsemane.

### **Good Friday, 3rd April: 2pm The Last Hour on the Cross concluding with Tenebrae**

After keeping vigil, Maundy Thursday passes into Good Friday. The church has been stripped of all decoration: it is bare and empty. In these surroundings we are reminded simply and starkly of the price of Jesus' obedience. Through reflections, readings, hymns and prayers we hear the story of Jesus' suffering. The most conspicuous feature of Tenebrae (Latin for 'shadows' or 'darkness') is the gradual extinguishing of lights until only a single light, a symbol of Christ – the light of the world, remains in the darkness.

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## Recycling Month

January was recycling month.

- 400 plastic tubs to Tubs2pubs. Also we know of collection points at Central Methodist Church, and Hummingbirds. This was a brilliant effort by everybody who took part as not only did we save the tubs from landfill but also money from the recycled plastic will be donated to MacMillan Nurses.
  - Candle recycling - two large bags were taken to Christ Church in Freizland, Oldham who are one of the collection hubs in Manchester Diocese, Oldham deanery.
  - Tablet recycling - this is ongoing. A sign of the times maybe, we collect a large volume of these. If anybody would volunteer to take them to either Boots in Ashton or Superdrug in Buxton it would be greatly appreciated.
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## Vicarage

After 10 years of renting our vicarage out it is now good back under our control. During the 10 years the garden has been neglected, which is good for wildlife. Amongst his Christmas presents Fr. David received a Hedgehog box which is hidden under the hedge is a quiet corner of the garden.

A double Swift box with bat back and caller installed, is soon to be installed on the vicarage, and the toilet has now been twinned.

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## Walking group celebrated 20 years

Monica and Sue started the Walking Group 20 years ago as an informal group of ladies to share time and company together.

The Ladies Walking group has now celebrated its 20th anniversary. A great time was had by all as they celebrated the occasion with lunch at Windy Harbour.

Great oaks from little acorns grow. Thanks to our lovely group 20 years on.

The group meet every Tuesday, outside the Parish Church at 12.30pm. Walks end with a cup of tea or coffee.

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## **Big Lent Walk**

### **THE BIG LENT WALK - 200KM IN 40 DAYS FOR LIFE-SAVING WATER**

The Tuesday walking group invite you to join them in walking this Lent and donating to Cafod for their Life-Saving Water Project.

You can join the walkers on a Tuesday afternoon or walk individually.

Please log your distances weekly and we will add to the collective total. Donations can either be given via the link below or given in cash to either Bee Oliver or Barbara Fearnley.

Our final walk for The Big Lent Walk will take place on Tuesday, 31st March, followed by lunch, please join us.

Our aim is to walk 200km and raise £500.

Last year we raised £1005.00.

GLOSSOP ECUMENICAL CHURCHES TOGETHER

- <https://parishes.walk.cafod.org.uk/teams/glossop-ecumenical-churches-together>

**This fulfils the third Mark of Mission.**

- To respond to human need by loving service

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## **Update on our Swift and Bug Hotel day**

Report from Becca Bridges:

Thanks to everyone who supported the coffee morning yesterday at the Parish Church. The bakes were delicious and thanks to Jane from Shepley's for her special scones!

They raised almost £150 on our behalf. It was a lovely friendly event, great for networking, and we have a request for a swift box survey and installation over at Padfield. While the focus is on growing our colony here in Old Glossop, this might help spark interest in the community over there and we do know swifts visit us from that area.

David at The Vicarage is going to have a double box with bat back and caller installed: he has a good spot high up with easy access for the birds clear of predators.

Jess on Shireway reports that house sparrows have moved into her double boxes, taking advantage of the cosy space in this chilly weather. If swifts are attracted to the nest boxes later in the season and the sparrows are still there, it is likely they may turf them out! It's fantastic to know that the boxes are providing refuge to other species as well; sparrow numbers having fallen dramatically in the past few decades.

The afternoon was spent building a 'bug hotel' in the corner of the car park opposite The Wheatsheaf. We hope it will draw attention to the importance of leaving materials in situ for nature to thrive. These are all natural materials that would otherwise have been burnt, binned or skipped. The first minibeast to take up residence was a lovely 7 spot ladybird, our most common native species.

**This fulfils the fifth mark of mission.**

- To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth

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## **Duke of Norfolk Church of England School and Religious Education**

What does RE in schools look like these day? What can children expect to learn?  
The Entitlement for Church of England schools in 2026 sets out the following aims.

Help pupils make sense of multi-religious and multi-secular worldviews.  
Understand Christianity as a diverse global faith.

Gain knowledge and understanding of a range of religious and non-religious worldviews, appreciating the complexity, continuity and change that exists within these worldviews.

Grapple with questions of meaning and purpose raised by human existence and experience.

Recognise Christianity's continuing influence on Britain's cultural heritage and in the lives of individuals, communities and societies in different times, cultures and places.

Equip pupils to be religiously literate.

Explore their own personal religious or non-religious spiritual and philosophical ways of living, believing and thinking.

This is broadly what the curriculum covers and should form a minimum of 5%, and aim for 10%, of the total hours taught. In addition there should be regular Collective Acts of Worship which are 'Inclusive, Invitational and Inspiring'.

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## **Mothers' Union - Celebrates 150 years**

Transforming lives through faith, community and action

For 150 years, Mothers Union have been making a meaningful difference in the lives of millions worldwide through our unique, faith-based and community-led approach to tackling poverty, injustice and violence. We understand that these challenges are deeply interconnected and as such, our response is holistic, while confronting the systemic causes and consequences of marginalisation and oppression.

To mark this momentous occasion Sheffield Diocese Mothers Union are passing a Time capsule around York Province. In order to pass the capsule from Sheffield to Chester diocese a contingent from Sheffield and Chester Diocese are stopping at Glossop Parish Church, on the **29th March at 2.00pm**.

We are delighted that Emily Brailsford - Derby Diocese President has accepted the invitation to join us.

Arrangements for the day are at 2.15 - We will have our York Province Service - written by Bishop John - and Local Prayers that will be added to the Capsule which will be added on its journey across the 12 Dioceses in the Province - The Service should take approximately 15 minutes.

At 2.30 - We will have refreshments and Cake with a little time together with photo opportunities. Please make this known especially to past Mothers Union members.

[Homepage - Mothers' Union](#)

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**Save the date – the #GreatBritishSpringClean returns from 13 – 29 March**

It's nearly time to join the national effort to #LoveWhereYouLive this Spring.  
What is The Great British Spring Clean?

Now into its eighth year, the Great British Spring Clean is Keep Britain Tidy's annual national clean-up campaign.

During the campaign, members of the great British public join forces with a range of partners – from big business and trusts to community groups and councils – to get rubbish off the ground, safely collected and recycled.

There are a few groups around our area who regularly litter pick and all welcome volunteers to help when they can.

Glossop Centre, 3rd Saturday in the month. Meet outside the Bureau at 10.00am  
Gamesley, 1st Saturday in the month. Meet at Gamesley community centre at 10.00am.

[Great British Spring Clean | Keep Britain Tidy](#)

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## What Is Earth Hour And Why Is It So Important?

Switch off and connect with nature – Saturday 28 March 2026 at 8.30pm.

Every March, millions of people around the world come together for one hour to show they care about the future of our planet. From iconic landmarks like Big Ben and the Sydney Opera House to cities across the globe, the lights go out in a stunning display of solidarity for our natural world.

Why – because our world needs our help. Nature gives us so much, from the food we eat to the air we breathe; it keeps us healthy and thriving. WWF's Earth Hour is the perfect moment to switch off and give back to the planet. Because when we restore nature, it restores us.

[Earth Hour: small actions can make a big difference | WWF](#)

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## Pray for peace in Ukraine

As we approach the fourth anniversary of the invasion of Ukraine on Tuesday 24 February, continue to pray for a breakthrough in peace talks that would lead to a just and lasting peace. Pray for people in Kyiv struggling with temperatures down to -27°C (-17°F) with minimal heating and electricity due to attacks on critical infrastructure. Pray for strength and sufficient resources for our local partner in Moldova, who is providing refugees with a safe space to gather, receive psychological support and experience healing through art therapy and group sessions. Pray that God would bring comfort and healing to all who have suffered, to those who have had to flee from their homes to another part of Ukraine or to another country, and to those separated from family members. Ask that refugees will soon be able to return home and that the children affected by this conflict will see their hopes restored and their futures marked by peace.

Most holy God and Father,  
hear our prayers for all who strive for peace  
and all who fight for justice.  
Help us, who today remember the cost of war,  
to work for a better tomorrow;  
and, as we commend to you  
lives lost in terror and conflict,  
bring us all, in the end,  
to the peace of your presence;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen

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***Home Communion:** If you know of anyone who would like to receive Holy Communion in their own home, please contact a member of the ministry team.*

### **Ministry Team**

**VICAR:** The Revd David Ridley  
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### **Honorary Assistant Priest:**

The Revd Norman Shaw

### **Readers:**

John Roberts  
Margaret Roberts  
Vince Ryder

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For more information about our activities please see A Church Near You.

St Andrew's, Hadfield

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/13287/>

All Saints', Glossop

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/13286>

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For *Peace and Quiet* and more information of events, please visit:

[A Church Near You, Glossop Parish Church of All Saints.](#)

Peace and Quiet is offered online as an opportunity, whenever you need it, to take time out from the daily tasks, worries and fears which are our common experiences of life. Through words, music and pictures we encourage a time of calm 'mindfulness' and renewed hope.

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