



# ST MARY'S

◆ CUDDINGTON ◆

## **Pew Sheet for 22 February 2026**

*A warm welcome to everyone attending today's service*

### **First Sunday of Lent**

*Please come into the hall for refreshments after the 09:30 service.*

#### **Collect**

Heavenly Father,  
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,  
and grew closer to you in the desert:  
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer  
that we may witness to your saving love  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### **Hymns**

<b>CP444</b>	God is working his purpose
<b>CP565</b>	Rock of Ages
<b>CP95</b>	Forty Days and Forty Nights
<b>EWS15</b>	Be Still for the presence
<b>CP581</b>	Take my life and let it be

Although there is no formal collection during the offertory hymn, please feel free to make a contribution to the work of St. Mary's either in the Treasury box at the back of church, or using the card reader, also at the back of church. Thank you.

#### **Readings**

##### **Romans 5.12-19**

Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned— sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law.

Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

### **Matthew 4.1-11**

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."' Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

## **Post Communion Prayer**

Lord God,  
you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;  
by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope,  
and strengthen our love:  
teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread,  
and enable us to live by every word  
that proceeds from out of your mouth;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **Services - Lent and Easter**

**Making Sense of Lent - A series of reflective evenings In the Church Hall**  
Mondays 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 9<sup>th</sup> March, 16<sup>th</sup> March & 23<sup>rd</sup> March  
7.30 pm - tea and coffee for 7.45 pm start. **ALL ARE WELCOME.**

### **Special Services during Lent**

**MOTHERING SUNDAY** - Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March, 9.30 am

**PALM SUNDAY EVENING** - Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March  
6.00 pm Stainer's Crucifixion - a Devotional time

**HOLY WEEK SERVICES (Monday–Wednesday)**  
8.00 pm each evening - Holy Communion

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
8.00 pm Commemoration of The Last Supper with foot washing

**GOOD FRIDAY**  
10.00 am - 12 noon Good Friday craft workshop for children in the Hall  
**Services in Church:**  
10.00 am - Non-Eucharistic Service  
12 noon - 2.00 pm - Walking in the Footsteps of Christ,  
a quiet reflective service with music and hymns  
2.00 pm - 3.00 pm - Traditional Good Friday liturgy

## **EASTER DAY SERVICES**

6.00 am - Easter Sunrise Service, followed by breakfast

8.00 am - Holy Communion

9.30 am - Holy Communion with Easter Egg Hunt for children

### **Dates for your diary**

**1<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY TO 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH** - The annual revision of the Church Electoral Roll will take place between 1st February and 1st March. If you filled in an Electoral Roll Form in 2025 when the Roll was completely revised you do not need to complete another form. If, however, you did not fill in a Roll form last year and wish to be on the Electoral Roll, blank forms are available at the back of church. Completed forms should be returned to Paul Nowak.

**SATURDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY - THE WOMEN'S GROUP** meet. We will be in the season of Lent and thought we would have a very light-hearted "Twenty Questions for Lent!" game. Do come along and join in the fun. We meet at 10am for coffee and cake, and end by 12 noon.

**MONDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> MARCH 7.30pm & WEDNESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH - 10.30am - KNIT & NATTER** in the Leverton Room.

**SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH "MOTHERING SUNDAY" - HOMEMADE SUNDAY**

**SATURDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> MARCH** - There will be a quiz night at 7pm in the Hall. Mark Hodge will be the quizmaster, and a hot meal will be served. Tickets £12 on sale now!

### **ST MARY'S ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

will be held on 17<sup>th</sup> May after 9.30 am service.

Church activities reports need to be with Rod Clarke by March 29<sup>th</sup>

**27<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER** - Confirmations will take place at St Mary's, hopefully led by Bishop Paul - we welcome anyone who wishes to be confirmed to register with Rev Joshva.