

# The Greenway Benefice Sunday Sheet

Holy Trinity Badgeworth, St Paul's Shurdington, and St Mary's Witcombe with Bentham

*(Sunday services, readings and prayers are on this sheet, please look in the Three in One\* for other news and notices)*

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

**Mothering Sunday**



## Today's Services

9.30 St Paul's Holy Communion  
11.00 Holy Trinity BCP Morning Prayer  
11.00 St Mary's Holy Communion

## Collect

Almighty God whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross 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 bind 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 for ever.

## Lectionary Readings

### 1 Samuel 1.20-end

<sup>20</sup>In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the Lord.' The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. <sup>22</sup>But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the Lord, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.' <sup>23</sup>Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only—may the Lord establish his word.' So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. <sup>24</sup>When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was young. <sup>25</sup>Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. <sup>26</sup>And she said, 'Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the Lord. <sup>27</sup>For this child I prayed; and the Lord has granted me the petition that I made to him. <sup>28</sup>Therefore I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he lives, he is given to the Lord.' She left him there for the Lord.

### Psalm 127.1-4

- 1 Unless the Lord builds the house, • those who build it labour in vain.
- 2 Unless the Lord keeps the city, • the guard keeps watch in vain.
- 3 It is in vain that you hasten to rise up early and go so late to rest, eating the bread of toil, • for he gives his beloved sleep.
- 4 Children are a heritage from the Lord • and the fruit of the womb is his gift.

### Colossians 3.12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. <sup>13</sup>Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup>Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup>And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup>Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. <sup>17</sup>And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

## Gospel Reading

### John 19.25b-27

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. <sup>26</sup>When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' <sup>27</sup>Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

## This week's prayers

Please remember in your prayers:

- Those living in Church Lane Badgeworth.
- PCC at Shurdington.
- We are also praying for the people of Ukraine and the Middle East, that they may freely live in peace.

## Shurdington Primary School

We are continuing our school links, and we pray for the staff and pupils. This term's school value is Thankfulness.

## Our Frontline Prayer

We thank you, Heavenly Father, for the gift of this community. We commend one another to you on our different frontlines.

Wherever we are, whatever we do, whoever we are, may the Holy Spirit guide us in all things so that we may do God's will in the world, in the service of Jesus Christ and with great joy.

## In Church next week

### Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March

9pm St Mary's Compline

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March Passion Sunday

10.30 St Paul's Benefice Holy Communion

*This will be the only service in the Benefice this Sunday – all welcome*



## ECO tip for March

Take part in a local litter pick during The Great British Spring Clean (Friday 13-Sunday 29 March), or consider organising your own - perhaps after church on Sunday. Find out more at <https://www.keepbritaintidy.org/our-work/eliminating-litter/great-british-spring-clean>

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Alleluia  
He is  
Risen