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Readings & News: 15th March 2026: Mothering Sunday

St Mary's Todmorden, St Michael's Cornholme and St Peter's Walsden

Exodus 2: 1-10 ²Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. ²The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. ³When she could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket for him and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. ⁴His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. ⁵The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. ⁶When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. ⁷Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' ⁸Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. ⁹Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. ¹⁰When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

2 Corinthians 1: 3-7 ³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, ⁴who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. ⁵For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. ⁶If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. ⁷Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

Luke 2: 33-35 ³³And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴Then Simeon^[1] blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

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**

Post Communion: Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

For Mothering Sunday ALL will receive daffodils as all are carers in one as care has no boundaries - enjoy them and give them some water...

Hymns: 15th March: St Mary's Hymns O&N

Introit: Faithful shepherd feed me - 156

Offertory: The Lord's my shepherd - 654

Communion: Oh the love of my Lord - 539

Gradual: Sing the blessed mother 605

Communion: Amazing Grace - 29

Recessional: Forth in the peace... 187



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Lent Course: Growing Good – thinking about the Bible and our social outreach as a church. Throughout Lent - Tuesdays at 11am and Thursday evenings at 7.30pm **MONDAYS every week @ 12.00 - Come and Play** - food and fun in the Lower Room for children and carers - last orders 1.30pm & **Creative Group in church@ St Mary's: every 2nd and 4th week ALL WELCOME** Next session: Monday 23rd March at 10am

Saturday 21st March at 7.30pm – A gig for St Patrick's with Out of the Box and TFF

Feast of the Annunciation – Thursday 25th March - service at St Mary's at 7pm

Saturday 28th March from 2-4pm: Barmy Bingo: all the prizes, raffle, food and drink: £8

- Maundy Thursday 2nd April – service at 7.30pm
- Good Friday 3rd April – 11am, Walk of Witness from St Jo's & 2pm at St Mary's

Easter Sunday 5th April – Dawn Service at 6am and Easter, with Egg Hunt at 11am

Also for Holy Week, a Pilgrimage for Anne Lister's Birthday week from Halifax Minster to Shibden 12.30pm on Tuesday 31st March - meet at the Baptismal Font

Saturday 11th April – 3-5pm: Assembly Bangers, all the hymns you love from school

Next Rainbow Faith Service - 12th April 2026 at 4pm, St Mary's Easter Tide & Poetry

Annual Meeting (APCM) 10th May 2026 – please sign up for the electoral roll to vote.

Funeral of Peter Parrish, St Thomas' Heptonstall at 12.00, followed by Burnley Crem

For notices, weddings, funerals, baptisms and volunteering please contact:

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ECO-Church: As we hand out flowers today remember that they are the fruits of creation. Daffodils are grown locally, enjoy the ones in the Church grounds, so they use fewer air miles to get them to us and are therefore more environmentally friendly. Following a General Synod vote in February we are going more environmentally friendly with our flower arrangements by not using floral foam (aka Oasis) and sourcing more locally.



We continue to pray for: Gwen Mills, Jacob Howarth, Roy Yearsley, Viv Hawksworth, Mandy Fielden, Norman Cruikshank, Margaret McArdle; Sarah Battershell, Robert Scholey, Glynys Radzic, Joyce Champion, Trevor Smith, Meg Kennedy, Margaret Blackburn, Jeffrey Hunter, Caroline Van den Brut, Jerzy Browne, Jonathan, Nigel Bentley, Rita, Lisa & Michael Kenyon, Helena Cook, Edith Thomas, Natasha McArdle, Ann Mason, Zoe Beesley, Lorna and Peter Shackleton, Roger and Pat Dale, Maureen Marshall, Val Cottam, the Middle East, Ukraine, Somalia, Sudan and the Yemen

Recently Departed Christine Oldham, Pat Wild, Eric Knowles, Brenda Young, Helen Colclough, Peter Parrish

In Memory: Sarah Jane Eastwood, Bertha E Chamberlain, Margaret Charlesworth, Alice Maud Eastwood, Irene Lever, Alice Holt, Gilbert Halstead, John Henry Kew, Christine Markiewicy, Eva Hesketh, James Hesketh, Beth Mae Damer, Harold King, Harold Kirkman, Sylvia Brear, Willie (Bill) Pearson