



The Parish Churches of St Mary the Virgin, Gillingham,
St Simon & St Jude, Milton on Stour and St Nicholas, Silton



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Sunday 15 March Mothering Sunday

CW Lectionary Ps. 127; Col 3. 12 – 17; Luke 2. 33 – 35

10:00am Holy Communion St Mary's Church, Gillingham

Hymns: 537, 826, 315, 448 & 137 (choir), 739

With activities for children & posies for all ladies. Prayers for healing are usually available after the 10am service in the side chapel at St Mary's.

10:30am BCP Holy Communion St Nicholas Church, Silton

2:30pm Café Church St Simon & St Jude, Milton on Stour

An Informal service with cream tea, crafts and posies.

6:30pm Evensong St Simon & St Jude, Milton on Stour *Hymns: 631, 251, 225, 152*

Collect

God of compassion, 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.

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.

For your thoughts and prayers

Norma Morris, Adam Cooke, Steve & Mary Rae, Roberta Wyatt, Rita Burns, Allen & Pauline Bryant, Carol Hebden, Mary Andrews, Diane Whitford, Ann Lockyer, Jean Harding, Anne Clarke, Shirley Lynch, Sandra Haward and Maureen Atkinson.

We commend to God's care all those who have died, especially Doug Quayle and Jean Chalk, and we pray for those who mourn the loss of loved ones.

READING Colossians 3. 12 – 17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. 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. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. 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. 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 Luke 2. 33 – 35

The child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about Jesus. Then Simeon 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 so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'



Wednesday 18 March

10.30am Holy Communion at St Mary's Church, Gillingham
10:30am – 12noon The Gillingham Men's Group at Rawson Court
12noon Lent Lunch (including short reflection) at St Benedict's Catholic Church, Gillingham
2:00pm – 3:30pm Dementia Friendly Gillingham 'Singing Together' at Rawson Court
2:00pm – 4:30pm Eden Café and TerraCycle recycling in the Vicarage School Room
7:00pm Lent Course: 'Journeys and Resting Places' in the Vicarage School Room (Week 5)

Thursday 19 March

10:00am – 12noon Eden Café and TerraCycle recycling in the Vicarage School Room
7:00pm Gillingham Community Cinema in the Vicarage School Room
Sold Out for tonight's showing of 'The Choral'. Next film is Wicked For Good on Thursday 23 April.
Tickets £6. Reserve from 07817 379006. Payment by cash or card on the evening. For more upcoming films, please see Gillingham Community Cinema's Facebook page.



Friday 20 March

9.30am – 10am Informal Prayer Group at St Mary's Church, Gillingham

Saturday 21 March

10:00am – 12noon Meditation in the Vicarage School Room

Sunday 22 March The Fifth Sunday of Lent (Passiontide begins)

CW Lectionary Romans 8. 6 – 11; John 11. 1 – 45

10:00am Holy Communion	St Mary's Church, Gillingham
10:30am Matins	St Nicholas Church, Silton
10:30am Holy Communion	St Simon & St Jude, Milton on Stour
12noon Baptism of Theo Miller	St Mary's Church, Gillingham

Finance Bite Size 16 - Stewardship at St. Mary's

The 2026 budget for our Mother Church is based on working with the Rector to grow our Worshipping Community, communicating an understanding of the Fairer Share, increasing our giving and our fund raising, utilising the Fabric Fund to subsidise our insurance costs, increasing VSR rental charges, looking for further cost savings, utilising everybody's Time and Talents and keeping you informed. Communication, however, is a 2-way process, if we are falling short do ask.

Church Electoral Roll

If you are not on the St Mary's Electoral Roll and would like to be, please sign up by filling in the simple form which can be found either in church (on the white stand) or in the parish office. Forms can be handed to one of the Wardens or posted through the office door. This would make you an official member of our congregation and give you voting rights at our AGM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting) which will be on Tuesday 28 April in church. It is nothing to do with the government elections, local or national. The revision of St Mary's Electoral Roll will be completed on 1 April, so please return your form by this date if you wish to be on the roll for this year's AGM.



Saturday 25 April – Spring Celebration Concert, at St Mary's Church, Gillingham

Come and join us at 7:00pm for a Spring Celebration Concert! Featuring Maria Danishvar (soprano), Arabella Heaton (mezzo-soprano), Simon Twiselton (piano) and Christopher Vale (bassoon). Tickets £12 (to include a drink and nibbles during the interval). Please phone 01747 821598 or visit the Parish Office for tickets. All proceeds towards church roof repairs.

Holy Week Flyer Correction – Good Friday at St Mary's Church, Gillingham

From previously handed out flyers - please note that The Last Hour of the Cross service at St Mary's on Good Friday (3 April) will **begin at 2:00pm**, not at 2:40pm.