



South Wye Benefice Newsletter

Lent 4 - Mothering Sunday

15th March 2026

Please welcome Rev. Jackie Nevill and Barry Stephens, who are leading the service this week at St. Martin's and Rev. Tony Kelk, who is leading the service at St. Peter's.

South Wye Services and Events week beginning 15th March

Sunday 15th	9:30am	Holy Communion at St. Martin's
	11.15am	Holy Communion at St. Peter's
Tuesday 17th	1pm	Bible Study in the Narthex
	2pm	Tuesday Coffee in the Narthex

For our Prayers

Those who are ill or in need of your prayers, including:

Brenda Baylis	Maureen Gerard	Jean D	Ann L	Kieran
Pam KW	Duncan KW	Pat D		

Those who have died and those who mourn their loss:

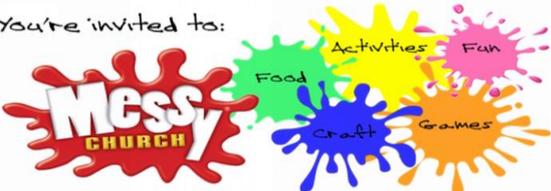
Ann G.	Phyllis	Dinah	Brian	Michael C	Cecil
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If you would like a loved one added to this list, please contact me via the office.

Dinah Jones (nee Herriott) of Hereford

Passed away at home on Monday 16th February 2026, aged 84 years. Beloved wife of the late Tony, and a dearly loved Mum, Mum-in-Law, Nan, Great Nan and Friend. The funeral service will take place at Hereford Crematorium on Saturday 21st March 2026, commencing at 11am. Family flowers only please, if desired donations in memory of Dinah are for Royal National College For The Blind (RNC) and Midlands Air Ambulance, which may be left at the service or sent to Serenity Funeral Services, 54 Catherine Street, Hereford, HR1 2DU. Tel: 01432 800353.

You're invited to:



Messy Church

Friday March 13th
St. Martin's Church Hall, Ross Road, Hereford
Friday at new time of 4 - 5.30 pm

We will be getting ready for Mother's Day and making cards and gifts for our mums and other people we care about.
We finish with a hot meal together, for everyone.

Messy Church is for people of all ages and perfect for families.

www.stmartinshereford.org.uk/messy-church



Lent Lunch

Saturday 14th March at 12 pm
St Martin's Church Centre

Come and join us for a light lunch
(please add your name to the sign-up sheet in church!)

Suggested donation £3
Prize Raffle

The Eco Church Team

Collect for Mothering Sunday

Merciful Lord,
you know our struggle to serve you:
when sin spoils our lives
and overshadows our hearts,
come to our aid
and turn us back to you again;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings for Mothering Sunday

Exodus 2: 1-10

Birth and Youth of Moses

2 Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. 2 The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. 3 When 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. 4 His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

5 The 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. 6 When 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. 7 Then 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?' 8 Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. 9 Pharaoh'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. 10 When 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.'

Psalm 34: 11-20

11 Come, O children, listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
12 Which of you desires life,
and covets many days to enjoy good?
13 Keep your tongue from evil,
and your lips from speaking deceit.
14 Depart from evil, and do good;
seek peace, and pursue it.

15 The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,
and his ears are open to their cry.
16 The face of the Lord is against evildoers,

to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.
17 When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears,
and rescues them from all their troubles.
18 The Lord is near to the broken-hearted,
and saves the crushed in spirit.

19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but the Lord rescues them from them all.
20 He keeps all their bones;
not one of them will be broken.

2 Corinthians 1: 3-7

Paul's Thanksgiving after Affliction

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, 4 who 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. 5 For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. 6 If 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. 7 Our 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

33 And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. 34 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 35 so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'