



Service of the Word

Lent 4

Mother's Day

15th March 2026

This is an outline of the order of service – all the words will be on the screen but if you wish to access the order of service on your mobile, please scan the QR code or go to www.stmaryswatford.org/services and click on '15th March' (hymn words are not included).



Worship Leader – the Revd Richard Banham

The Greeting

Gathering Prayer

The children go to their groups during the following hymn

Opening Hymn: Love divine, all loves excelling (MP 449)

Prayer of Penitence

Absolution

The Collect

Bible Reading: Exodus 2:1-10

Song: 10,000 reasons

Talk: Richard

The Affirmation of Faith

Prayers of Intercession: *led by Marion Knell*

The Lord's Prayer

Thank You Video

Offertory Song: O come to the altar (*Music Group*)

The Peace

Church Notices

Final Hymn: Tell out my soul (*MP 631*)

Blessing & Dismissal

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Notices

- **A Very Warm Welcome** to everyone to our worship this morning.
- **If you are new to the Church** and would like to get to know more about us, please speak to a welcomer after the service or look on our website – address on the front page; and please stay for **coffee or tea after the service.**
- We have a **Church Family WhatsApp Group** and send out a weekly **Mailchimp** – please ask if you wish to be included in either.
- **Next Sunday** – 22nd March – Fifth Sunday in Lent – 10.30am – Communion

- **Revision of the Church Electoral Roll** – notice is given that the Electoral Roll will be revised between 29th March and 10th April. If you are not currently on the Roll, please complete a form between those dates and return it to the Church Office. The Annual Parochial Church Meeting is on Sunday 26th April following the Morning Service.
- **Daily Prayer in the Morning** – Monday to Thursday from 9.30am for thirty minutes or so – in the Heydon Chapel – all welcome to join Richard and others.
- **Toddlers** – 9.30 to 11.00 am every Tuesday during term time – for all babies and pre-school children and their parents/carers. Toys, singing, stories with refreshments and a chat.
- **Midweek Service** – Service of the Word at 12.30pm; for after, please bring your lunch to eat alongside others whilst chatting and catching up with friends, old and new.
- **Thursday Coffee** - 10.00am and 12.00noon in the lounge – for anyone who would like a coffee/tea and a chat, with fruit and biscuits also available.
- **Charis Tiwala** is a Christian charity which offers a variety of practical, emotional and spiritual help towards vulnerable women, some of whom identify as lgbtqai+ who are being sexually trafficked within South-West Herts; including within our parish. As a church we are communicating our love, acceptance and welcome for these women especially at this Easter time. If you have bought an egg and completed a card, thank you, they will be greatly appreciated.
- **St Mary's News** for March is available in paper form in church or on the Church website.

Holy Week and Easter:

Palm Sunday (29th March): 10.30am Service of the Word

Maundy Thursday (2nd April): Passover Meal from 7.00 to 9.00pm - all ages welcome.

Good Friday (3rd April): Walk of Witness with Wellspring Church, St John's and Beechen Grove Baptists – meet at the Pond at 10.30am

Reflective Service at the Foot of the Cross from 2.00 to 3.00pm

Holy Saturday (4th April): 9.00am to 12.00noon Church open for Prayer Watch.

Easter Sunday (5th April): 10.30am Celebration of Family Communion followed by Easter Egg Hunt in the churchyard.

Easter Monday (6th April): Pilgrimage to the Abbey - informal service in the Abbey at 3.00pm.

More details on a separate handout

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