

O God of all justice and peace,
we cry out to you in the midst of the pain and trauma and violence and fear which
prevail in the lands of the Middle East.

Be with those who need you in these days of suffering.

We pray for people of all faiths, Jews, Muslims and Christians, and for all the
people of those lands.

And while we pray to you, O Lord, for an end to violence and the establishment
of peace, we also call for you to bring justice and equity to the peoples.

Guide us into your kingdom, where all people are treated with dignity and honour
as your children. For to all of us you are our Heavenly Father.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

(The prayer above has been adapted by the Dean of Salisbury, Nick Papadopulos, from a
prayer by the Archbishop of Jerusalem)

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***We seek to grow through prayer and
share Christ's love through engagement with all.***

Weekly News

15th March 2026



Sunday

8:00 am Holy Communion

10:00 am Parish Eucharist

Followed by Refreshments in the Croft

Church Children meet in the Croft for singing and music-making

Tuesday 7:00 pm Lent Bible Study in the Croft

Wednesday

10:30 am Holy Communion

12:00 noon Lent Lunch in the Hall

Happy St. Patrick's Day for Tuesday 17th – the top of the morning to you !
This week also sees the last for this year of our Lent Bible Study on Tuesday, as
well as the final Lent Lunch on Wednesday. Thank you to all who facilitated and
all who have generously supported.

Annual Church Spring Clean: Saturday 28th March – "Many hands make
light work" all help will be greatly appreciated, There's a sign up sheet by the door.

Revision of the Church Electoral Roll: We are required to revise the roll
annually, so you will see a formal notice in church. There will also be a copy of
our current roll in case you'd like to check if you are registered, and forms if
you would like to be added to the register.

The dates for revision are between the 16th March and 12th April, and a revised
roll will be published in time for the **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** on
27th April. Please note that to be eligible to vote at the APCM, you need to be
on the Electoral Roll.



Sunday 15th March 2026

4th Sunday of Lent / Mothering Sunday

COLLECT

Merciful Lord,

absolve your people from their offences, that through your bountiful goodness

we may all be delivered from the chains of those sins

which by our frailty we have committed;

grant this, heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour,

who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 16.1-13 SECOND READING: Ephesians 5.8-14

Sorry, no space to print the full text of the lessons this week

GOSPEL READING: John 9

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?' Jesus answered, 'Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.' When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, 'Go, wash in the pool of Siloam' (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, 'Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?' Some were saying, 'It is he.' Others were saying, 'No, but it is someone like him.' He kept saying, 'I am the man.' But they kept asking him, 'Then how were your eyes opened?' He answered, 'The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, "Go to Siloam and wash." Then I went and washed and received my sight.' They said to him, 'Where is he?' He said, 'I do not know.'

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, 'He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.' Some of the Pharisees said, 'This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.' But others said, 'How can a

man who is a sinner perform such signs?' And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, 'What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.' He said, 'He is a prophet.'

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, 'Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?' His parents answered, 'We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.' His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, 'He is of age; ask him.'

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, 'Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.' He answered, 'I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.' They said to him, 'What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?' He answered them, 'I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?' Then they reviled him, saying, 'You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.' The man answered, 'Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.' They answered him, 'You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?' And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' He answered, 'And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said to him, 'You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.' He said, 'Lord, I believe.' And he worshipped him. Jesus said, 'I came into this world for judgement so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.' Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, 'Surely we are not blind, are we?' Jesus said to them, 'If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, "We see", your sin remains.