



Christ Church Lofthouse

Sunday 15th March 2026
4th Sunday of Lent
Mothering Sunday

Today's Hymns

- 37 Angel voices ever singing
- 72 Bind us together, Lord
- 605 Sing we of the blessed mother
- 631 Tell out, my soul

Services in March 2026

- Sun. 15th 9.30am Sung Eucharist – **Mothering Sunday**
- Wed. 18th 10am Said Eucharist
- Sun. 22nd 9.30am “All together Now!” **Passion Sunday**–Lay led
- Wed. 25th 10am Said Eucharist
- Sun. 29th 9.30am Sung Eucharist – **Palm Sunday**

*Welcome
to
Christ
Church*

TLC Cafe



Café Open

Monday
1.30 – 3.30pm
Café with Indoor
Curling
All Welcome.
Players £1 to
participate.



Tuesday
9am – 12 noon
With pork pies,
& sausage rolls
direct from the
butcher's oven!

Wednesday
9am – 11.30am

Thursday
9am – 12 noon
Board games
available.
£1 to participate.

Looking ahead to Holy Week in April

- Wednesday 1st April 10am Said Eucharist
- Maundy Thursday (2nd) 7.30pm** Eucharist & Tenebrae Service (Christ Church)
- Good Friday (3rd) 10am** Walk of Witness (in Rothwell)
- 2pm** An Hour at the Cross (Christ Church)
- 7.30pm** Benefice Good Friday Reflections (Christ Church)
- Holy Saturday (4th)** Benefice Easter Vigil (Holy Trinity)
- Easter Day (5th) 9.30am Sung Eucharist**



**In your prayers,
please
remember...**

Christine, Lisa,
Marguerite,
David, Dorothy,
Emily, Pat, Iain,
Andrew, Eddie,
Stephen, Frances,
Steven.

Benefice of Rothwell, Lofthouse,
Methley with Mickelton, Oulton with Woodlesford.

'From Now on' - Lent Groups

5 weeks based on the hugely popular film
The Greatest Showman

Lent Groups to meet each Monday in Lent
23 February & 2/9/16/23 March

Daytime Group ★ Evening Group ★

Parish Centre, (behind Salutes)
at Holy Trinity Church, Rothwell
at 10.00am

Cafe at Christ Church,
Lofthouse
at 7.00pm

The groups are for people from any of our four parishes to join
No need to have seen the film - course books available
For more details speak to Revd Mark or Revd Terry

There is still time to join us for the final two sessions of this most interesting and thought-provoking study group. Although the full course consists of five parts, each one can stand alone and you don't need to have seen the film to enjoy the film clips and following discussion.

mum
ma
mother
mummy
mam
mom
mater
*Let me
know if
you can
think of
any
more...*

There is an old Jewish saying:

“God could not be everywhere, and therefore He made mothers.”

Mother Church, Mother Earth, Mother of the Gods - our human mothers - all of them have been part of the celebration of 'Mothering Sunday'. It has been celebrated in the UK since at least the 16th century.

In Roman times, great festivals were held every Spring to honour Cybele, Mother of all the Gods. Other pagan festivals in honour of Mother Earth were also celebrated. With the arrival of Christianity, the festival became one honouring **Mother Church**.

During the Middle Ages, young people apprenticed to craftsmen or working as 'live-in' servants were allowed only one holiday a year on which to visit their families - which is how '**Mothering Sunday**' got its name. This special day became a day of family rejoicing, and the Lenten fast was broken. In some places the day was called Simnel Day, because of the sweet cakes called simnel cakes traditionally eaten on that day.

There are three saints to celebrate this week:

17th March, **Patrick**,
Patron Saint of Ireland.
Lived in the 5th
Century.

19th March, **Joseph**,
the earthly father of
Jesus.

20th March, **Cuthbert**,
Monk and Bishop of
Lindisfarne. Lived in
17th Century.

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