

Trendlewood Church News for Sundays 8th and 15th March 2026



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Ministers Musings

LENT

I realise we are a week or so into Lent but wanted to share a few thoughts.

I was just sitting down to write the rector's reflection/ministers musing for the next weekly news edition; I was going to write on Lent, then in that second this article pinged in my inbox.

J John Wrote: Why I keep Lent? Link below ...

<https://mailchi.mp/philotruster/why-i-keep-lent?e=fab41a7983>

It made me think what do I do and why!

Many people keep lent for many reasons. Many people do not observe Lent at all.

For me it is a chance to turn on the reset button. I realise I can do this anytime, but these 40 days (46 if you include Sundays) lead to the most momentous life changing event in all of history.

So in this time **I spend more time with God and listen**. This can be anywhere or anytime; I try not to think of the to do list or how will I catch up – this is precious time.

I take time in this season **to reflect on my life** – the good and the not so good. I come before the God of Grace as I am to reflect on the past and look into the future.

I will take time **to set a priority** or two to give something up or take up something new – or both.

I will think of the Easter story to come – the message of hope. A kind of preparation for the big occasion.

Why these things? To re calibrate; to re centre on Jesus the author and perfecter of faith.

May you know the goodness of God as you follow him faithfully through this period of Lent.

Morey

Church Services @ Trendlewood

Sunday 8th March 2026

At 1015 morning worship Russ will be leading and preaching on the theme of Discipleship.

Sunday 15th March 2026 - Mothering Sunday

At 9.30am **Bubble Church** we will be looking at the story of Ruth and Naomi.

Following Bubble church at around 1015 - the **Post Bubble Church Prayer Gathering** will be centred around praying for our community and reflecting on Mothering Sunday

Prayer Focus for the coming week

People	Roads
Dave Manton Paul & Caroline Mason Sandie Prangle	Golden Valley, Nailsea Park Nowhere Wood, Station Road, St Francis School, Lodge Lane, Station Road
Mission	Community
Mercy Ships	Please pray for all those who practically look after our area; the refuse collectors; the hedge cutters; the litter pickers; whoever they may be - pray a prayer of blessing.

Church Noticeboard

Annual Church Meeting

Please Note

The annual church meeting takes place after the morning service on 22nd March.

Driving Ukraine

Mike Bird and Dave Manton plan to drive a second-hand 4x4 vehicle to Lviv, Ukraine. It will be used to help save the lives of Ukrainian soldiers. They are looking for donations to fund the purchase of the vehicle. See the attached link to the fundraising website for full details. Please donate if you can and share the link with others.

The link is here: <https://donorbox.org/mikedaveukraine>

Children's Event - 9th April

We are looking at the Easter story, in particular the road to Emmaus, at our next children's event. We are looking for old or fun/ novelty glasses (spectacles, not drinking glasses) that the children can use to dress up.

Please could you bring them to Church over the next few weeks.

Please give to Hilary Bardell-Cox, Ruth Sheffield or Ruth Wilkinson.

Nailsea School Staff eggs

Becky at the Connect project would like donations of Cadburys Crème Eggs to bless the 179 staff at Nailsea school.

Collection would be on the week of 16th March to give her enough time the following week to attach a note from us all and distribute.

Please bring to church and hand to Morey.

Future Dates For The Diary

Dates for Trendlewood Social events.

April - Saturday 25th 5.00 p.m. Quiz with tea and Cakes @Golden Valley School
July - Saturday 11th BBQ @ Tim and Hilary Bardell-Cox's house, probably about 5.00
October - 11th Harvest time shared lunch @Golden Valley School
December - Saturday 5th Christmas Social @Holy Trinity Church

Nailsea Choral Society

An exquisite programme of French choral music, featuring Maurice Duruflé's Requiem.
Saturday 21st March at 7.30pm at Nailsea Methodist Church.

For more information: www.nailseachoral.org

From the Deanery

Lay Dean – Deanery Leadership Role

We're seeking a committed Lay Dean to work alongside the Co-Area Deans in supporting mission and ministry across the deanery. Elected by the House of Laity, you'll act as the key lay spokesperson, help shape deanery direction, chair and attend key meetings, offer pastoral support, and collaborate with clergy, laity, and diocesan partners. This role suits someone prayerful, organised, collaborative, good with detail and passionate about strengthening parish life.

Organist & Choirmaster - St Andrew's Church, Backwell

St Andrew's Church, Backwell is seeking to appoint an Organist & Choirmaster
The church has a well-maintained 2-manual Vowles pipe organ and a small mixed-age RSCM-affiliated choir which we are seeking to grow and develop.

We are looking for an accomplished organist & choir leader with knowledge and understanding of the Anglican choral tradition to lead the choir & recruit new members (children and adults). Also working with our neighbouring school.

Approx. 30 hours per month (negotiable); salary c.£6,000pa. Additional fees for weddings and funerals in line with RSCM rates. Appointment subject to enhanced DBS.

For an initial conversation please contact Revd Sam Norton on revsamnorton@gmail.com
Closing date 20th March;

Manna - March Edition

The latest edition can be found at

<https://d3hgrrlq6yacptf.cloudfront.net/60638a2c87045/content/pages/documents/manna-march-2026-a4.pdf>

Our next newsletter will cover 2 weeks - 22nd and 29th March 2026

**Any items for the newsletter should be sent to welcome@trendlewoodchurch.org.uk by 9am
Tuesday 17th March 2026**

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