

*'For, if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. (Romans 5: 10)*

### **Women's World Day of Prayer**



Gracious God, thank you for the women of every nation, culture, and generation who seek peace, justice, and hope. Strengthen their voices, bless their work, and surround them with your wisdom.

May your Spirit unite us in compassion, so that together we may help your kingdom flourish on earth. Amen.

**Gracious and healing God**, we hold before you all in our community who are sick in body, mind, or spirit. Strengthen those who care for them — families, friends, neighbours, and medical staff — that they may be channels of your gentleness and hope. Where there is loneliness, bring companionship. Where there is weariness, bring rest. Where there is uncertainty, bring your guiding light. Through Jesus Christ, our healer and our hope.

We pray for: - **ALAN WOOLSTON - ELEANOR BROOKS - HILARY ABRAHAMS - DIANA HEATHER - ANN BARTLETT - BARBARA JARVIS - SARAH WILLIS - MARK MARKCOONS - JO WATKINS - MARTYN DILLEY - SUZANNE MILLER - SUE & EMMA KINKEAD**. Amen. May Christ bless our life together at St Mary's - our worship, our friendships, our service, to be a place of welcome, kindness, and courage. Amen.

We continue to pray for the family of Lily Reinhold whose funeral service is this week. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

### **Blessing for Lent**

Believing Christ's promises, may we know the constant presence of God always. Amen



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# St. Mary the Virgin PEW SHEET – 8<sup>th</sup> March 2026

## TODAY THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am Parish Communion

10.30am Sunbeams Session for children aged 3- 6

Blaze Session for children aged 6-10

### COLLECT for Third Sunday of Lent

Eternal God,

give us insight

to discern your will for us,

to give up what harms us,

and to seek the perfection we are promised

in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**HYMNS:** Water of Life (on pew sheet), **275 (ii)** I heard the voice of Jesus say, **673** There is a Redeemer (Offertory Hymn), **137** Glorious things of thee are spoken.

**READINGS:** Exodus 17: 1-7,(p.66),John 4: 5-42 (p.91)

### THIS WEEK

9.15am **Morning Prayers** – Zoom Tues–Wed (link from the office), **in church Mon-Fri 9.15am, Sat 10am**

10am-12pm Church Open for **Quiet Space** every weekday

11am - 12.15pm **Lent Course** in Meeting Room

11<sup>th</sup> Mar Wed 12.30-3pm Meetings Room & church open as a **Welcome Space** (takes place weekly)\*

7.00pm **Lent Course** in Church

12<sup>th</sup> Mar **10.30am – 12.30pm Craft Group** in Meeting Room

14<sup>th</sup> Mar Sat 10am - 12pm Church Open for **Quiet Space**

**10.30am - Mothering Sunday posy making**

A small group will be making the posies for Mothering Sunday next Saturday morning in church.

If you would like to join them, please contact Sue Powell on 07711 721177.

### Next Sunday – 15<sup>th</sup> March (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent)

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am Mothering Sunday Service

(Fresh Start Style)

**Diary Note: Spring Cleaning Church - Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March**

**10.30am-12.30pm** Please sign up in porch if able to help- all welcome.

## **Water of Life**

Have you heard the raindrops drumming on the rooftops'?

Have you heard the raindrops dripping on the ground?

Have you heard the raindrops splashing in the streams

And running to the rivers all around?

There's water, water of life, Jesus gives us the water of life;

There's water, water of life, Jesus gives us the water of life;

There's a busy workman digging in the desert,

Digging with a spade that flashes in the sun:

Soon there will be water rising in the wellshaft,

Spilling from the bucket as it comes.

There's water, water of life, Jesus gives us the water of life;

There's water, water of life, Jesus gives us the water of life;

Nobody can live who hasn't any water,

When the land is dry then nothing much grows;

Jesus gives us life if we drink the living water, Sing it so that everybody knows.

There's water, water of life, Jesus gives us the water of life;

**A BIG THANK YOU** - Julie Clark is leaving her role at the Old Church Schools after many years. She supported the running of the OCS and the hirers. She would be happy talk through the role with any who would like to share the role, on behalf of St Mary's, which takes a couple of hours a week.

### **Dave Johnston fundraising for Spinnaker Trust**

Dave Johnston is running a marathon in Leeds on 14 March and raising money for Spinnaker Trust, a charity I'm sure we all are grateful for. If you would like to contribute, click on this [link](#).

**Safeguarding** We are circulating a **short questionnaire** about Safeguarding. Responses will help us ensure St Mary's remains a safe, respectful and protected environment for everyone. Please put completed forms in the safeguarding box at the back of Church. If you have any questions please speak to Rev Amanda or Clare Scriven.

**Youth Worker**- Following our **Community Survey** and discussions at church we are hoping to appoint a **Youth Worker**. To **be part of the team** discerning this role speak to Rev Amanda.

## Psalm 95

A Call to Worship and Obedience

- <sup>1</sup> O come, let us sing to the Lord;  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
- <sup>2</sup> Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
- <sup>3</sup> For the Lord is a great God,  
and a great King above all gods.
- <sup>4</sup> In his hand are the depths of the earth;  
the heights of the mountains are his also.
- <sup>5</sup> The sea is his, for he made it,  
and the dry land, which his hands have formed.
- <sup>6</sup> O come, let us worship and bow down,  
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!
- <sup>7</sup> For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture,  
and the sheep of his hand.  
O that today you would listen to his voice!
- <sup>8</sup> Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,  
as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,  
<sup>9</sup> when your ancestors tested me,  
and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.
- <sup>10</sup> For forty years I loathed that generation  
and said, 'They are a people whose hearts go astray,  
and they do not regard my ways.'
- <sup>11</sup> Therefore in my anger I swore,  
'They shall not enter my rest.'

**All are welcome** to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination, prayer, reading and meditating on God's holy word. **THIS LENT SEASON** come and join us to explore purposes in areas of life, **Tuesdays 11am-12.15pm 24<sup>th</sup> Feb – 31<sup>st</sup> Mar or Wednesdays 7pm-8.15pm 25<sup>th</sup> Feb – 1<sup>st</sup> Apr.**

### **Hayes Village Association (HVA) Annual General Meeting**

The **HVA AGM** is being held at St Mary's on the evening of **Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> May**. Would you be willing to help us show a warm St Mary's welcome to the residents of Hayes? If you'd be happy to either welcome at the door or serve refreshments **please let Stuart know 07917 024481.**