

✠ 4th Sunday in Lent ✠  
ST GEORGE'S CHURCH 15th MARCH  
MOTHERING SUNDAY

**COLLECT**

God of compassion,  
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,  
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,  
and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself:  
strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow  
we may know the power of your presence  
to bind together and to heal;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

**FIRST READING**

*(Exodus 2.1-10)*

A reading from the book of Exodus:

Now a man of the tribe of Levi married a Levite woman, and she became pregnant and gave birth to a son. When she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him for three months. But when she could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket for him and coated it with tar and pitch. Then she placed the child in it and put it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile. His sister stood at a distance to see what would happen to him. Then Pharaoh's daughter went down to the Nile to bathe, and her attendants were walking along the riverbank. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her female slave to get it. She opened it and saw the baby. He was crying, and she felt sorry for him. "This is one of the Hebrew babies," she said. Then his sister asked Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?" "Yes, go," she answered. So the girl went and got the baby's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this baby and nurse him for me, and I will pay you." So the woman took the baby and nursed him. When the child grew older, she took him to Pharaoh's daughter and he became her son. She named him Moses, saying, "I drew him out of the water."

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING:**

*(Colossians 3.12-17)*

A reading from Paul's letter to the Colossians:

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL**

*(Luke 2.33-35)*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke:

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Loving God, bless these gifts in gratitude for all who have mothered us in love; and may these offerings serve your healing and your hope in the world.

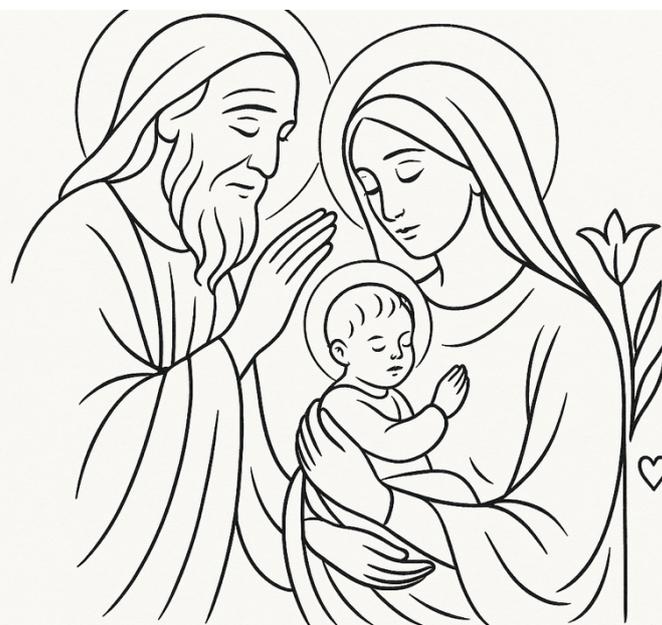
Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Loving God,  
as a mother feeds her children at the breast,  
you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**



**MOTHERING SUNDAY**

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## ✠ ST GEORGE'S CHORLEY ✠

### NOTICES FOR 15TH MARCH 2026

**WELCOME** – as we gather together to hear from God in His word, to receive God in the Sacrament, and to encourage each other in the faith.

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**MOTHERING SUNDAY** – today we give thanks for the love of all mothers; and as a token, we will be giving out bunches of daffodils at our 9:30am service.

**LENT** - Why not join our informal and friendly group at 1 Rylands Road. Wednesdays at 7:30pm, as we follow Bishop Philip's 'Knowing Jesus' Course. *M & D Team.*

**LENT LUNCH** – Thank you to everyone who took part in the Lent Lunch and donated to SVP Chorley Buddies. I'm pleased to say we raised £300 on the day. Special thanks must go to the ladies who made soup, served and did a great job washing up! *Mission and Discipleship Team*

**THE ELECTORAL ROLL 2026** - is a legal document, and we are required to follow national church policy in its establishment and subsequent maintenance. This month, before the APCM on April 28th is held, an annual review of the roll will be conducted, and a display notification of the review will appear on March 15th. Revision and preparation of the roll will take place between April 7th and April 11th and be compiled and displayed on April 12th. Some non-residents may not meet the attendance criteria to remain on roll which could lead to non-attenders being removed unless there are mitigating circumstances. The roll will then be published on May 1st. It is important to remember that not being on the Electoral Roll does not mean that you are not part of our church family, it does however mean that you are not eligible to seek election for certain roles e.g. PCC Member or Synod Member and you are not eligible to vote at the APCM.

You will find the Electoral Roll (Names only version) displayed on the internal notice board of each Parish Church. *Sara Shingler – Electoral Roll Officer.*

**CONFIRMATION 2026** – the confirmation service is on Wednesday 22nd July at 7:30pm, at All Saints'. Anyone interested please contact Fr Jordan for more details.

**ALPHA COURSE** - 7:30pm every Thursday at All Saints' vicarage. Led by Fr Jordan. This course will include a meal and time together; watching a video and asking the big questions about faith. Everyone is welcome!

### Our hymns this morning:

Process 57 Awake, awake: fling off the night  
 Gradual 608 Songs of praise the angels sing  
 Offertory 605 Sing we of the blessed mother  
 Comm **Choir** *Rutter – A Clare Benediction*  
 304 I come with joy  
 72 Bind us together  
 Post Comm 382 Let all the world in every corner sing

**ST. GEORGE'S AND ALL SAINTS' PARISH EASTER CARDS** - are now at the back of church to collect for delivery. Please sign for any 'streets' that you take and follow any instructions. Thank you. *M & D Committee.*

**PRAYER TREE** - Due to the ongoing sufferings of the peoples of the Ukraine, Sudan and Gaza, along with the recent events in the USA, our prayer focus for the next couple of months will be on **World Peace** alongside continuing to pray for our vacancy.

**PARISH PASTORAL VISITING TEAM** – if you know of anyone who would like a visit from the team or a Home Communion, please contact Carol Pearson either by phone or email: [carolpearson@outlook.com](mailto:carolpearson@outlook.com) or call 07981 021288.

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### VACANCY PRAYER

You are encouraged to please use this prayer daily.

**Heavenly Father,**

**In this time of waiting, we place our trust in You.**

**Keep us unified as a parish and faithful in prayer.**

**Send down your Holy Spirit to guide those responsible for choosing our new incumbent.**

**May the one chosen be a wise and gentle shepherd of your people, ready to serve us with joy, build us in faith and grow our church family.**

**We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Please remember in your prayers:

**Marian Crossthwaite, Harold Dunseath, Linda Eubank, Jonathan Yates, Margaret Salisbury, Simon Newell, Dorothy Treadwell, Marjorie Baxendale, Audrey Clark**

The recently departed:

**George Donnelly, Peter Elkins**

Also for those whose years' mind falls at this time:

**Roy Smith, Margaret Moss, Lynn Carter, Cyril Clayton, Eric Smith, Helen Walker.**

