



Please Pray for

...those who have died, including: **Jan Mallett** and **Allison Sillence**

...those who are unwell, including: **Debbie Arthur**, **Debbie Matthias**,

Jeanine Stewart, **Lawrence Nash**, **Mavis Eastwood**, **Michelle Harden**,

Pam Farquharson, **Rae Tugwell**, **Richard** (Liz Holton's brother) & **Simon Bell**

Two old customs lie behind Mothering Sunday: young people who worked away from home were allowed to visit their mothers on this day, often presenting her with a bunch of flowers; also people were encouraged to worship in their 'Mother' Church – perhaps the Cathedral – and to celebrate by eating simnel cakes. Midway through Lent, this Sunday - also called 'Refreshment Sunday' – allows some relaxation of Lenten discipline.

Daily Bible Readings:

These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday. Try to take time each day to read the assigned Bible passage.

Sunday	John 9:1-41	<i>The man born blind.</i>
Monday	Isaiah 42:10-17	<i>God will heal the blind</i>
Tuesday	Matthew 9:27-31	<i>Jesus heals the blind</i>
Wednesday	Matthew 20:29-34	<i>Two blind men receive sight</i>
Thursday	1 John 2:3-11	<i>A warning against spiritual blindness</i>
Friday	2 Peter 1:3-9	<i>Avoiding spiritual blindness</i>
Saturday	Psalms 146	<i>The Lord gives sight to the blind</i>
Sunday	John 11:1-45	<i>The raising of Lazarus</i>

A Morning Prayer: Lord Jesus, we believe. May we worship you today through all we do and say. Amen. (John 9:38)

Words to Share: We have light from the Lord: *Let us live as people of light.* (Ephesians 5:8)

A Blessing to Give: May the light of the Lord shine in your life. May the Holy Spirit fill you with what is good, right and true. Amen. (Ephesians 5:8-9)

Readings for 22nd March – 5th of Lent

Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45

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News & Notices - 15th to 22nd March



The Crucifixion, with the Virgin and Saint John the Evangelist Mourning By Rogier van der Weyden (1460)

Sunday 15th March – 3rd of Lent

8am	Communion (BCP) in East Dean
From 9am	Online Service www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches
9am	Eucharist in West Tytherley
9.15am	Sung Eucharist in Wellow
1030am	Celebration Service in Lockerley
11am	Family Service in Sherfield English
9pm	Online Night Prayer www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches

15th March - 4th of Lent

1 Samuel 16:1-13 Psalm 23	Ephesians 5:8-14	John 19:25b-27
Hannah had been unable to conceive but she prayed for a son, promising that she would dedicate him to God if her prayers were answered.	We are encouraged to lead honest and open lives, living as children of the light and avoiding anything that has to be done in secret.	As he is dying on the cross, Jesus makes provision for his mother, Mary.

Monday to Saturday

9am & 9pm Online Morning & Night Prayer www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches

Wednesday 18th March 9am Eucharist in Lockerley

Thursday 19th March

7pm 'The Chosen' – Lent Course at Wellow Village Hall

Saturday 21st March

10-11 Welcoming Training and Refresher in Lockerley Church

Noon-2pm Lent Lunch at Lockerley Water House, Lockerley SO51 0LW

Sunday 22nd March – 4th of Lent

8.15am Communion (BCP) in Wellow

From 9am Online Service www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches

9am Matins (BCP) in West Tytherley

9.15am Matins (BCP) in Wellow

1030am Eucharist in Lockerley

11am Morning Prayer in Sherfield English

6pm Evensong (BCP) at East Dean

9pm Online Night Prayer www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches



Charity of the Month



Mind:

- Fights for change - Wants mental health to be taken seriously by the government and by people who run services. To make this happen, they speak up, challenge those in power, and campaign for a better future for everyone.
- Supports people with mental health problems – Through information and support, they make sure people living with mental health problems find the help they need.
- Raises awareness - Shares real experiences and brings people together to fight for mental health. They fight mental health stigma, with campaigns and yearly reports to track progress.

More details from www.mind.org.uk

(Collection Baskets in Churches or send donations to the Vicar at Crispins, Lockerley)

Community Lunches in Lent

Come for a soup, bread and cheese lunch on Saturdays in Lent between 12 and 2pm

Saturday	Venues and Hosts
21 st March	Lockerley Water House (Heather Bowyer)
28 th March	Lockerley & East Dean Memorial Hall SO51 0JG (Diana Ayles and Nicky Bell)

Book Club at West Tytherley Church Weds 25th March 2026, 6.45pm to 8pm

Topic: Rekindling the Wonder of Childlike Wisdom. Book is 'Seeing Anew' Awakening to Life's Lessons by Martina Lehan Sheehan. (Chaps 6 to 9)

All are very welcome. Wrap up warmly.

	29 th Mar	Holy Week	5 th Apr Easter	12 th Apr	19 th Apr
East Dean	1030am Palm Sunday Service in Sherfield English	Fri Noon-3pm Vigil	9am (BCP) Communion	9am (BCP) Communion	8am (BCP) Communion
East Tytherley		-	6.30am Dawn Service	9.30am Short but Sweet	-
Lockerley		Thu 7pm Tenebrae Fri 6pm Cross of Christ	1030am Easter Eucharist	1030am Eucharist	1030am Celebration Service
Sherfield English		Tue 7pm Simple Communion	11am Easter Eucharist	11am Morning Prayer	11am Family Service
West Tytherley		Wed 7pm Simple Communion	1030am Easter Eucharist	8am (BCP) Communion	9am Eucharist
Wellow		Mon 7pm Simple Communion	9.15am Easter Sung Eucharist	9.15am Sung Eucharist	9.15am Sung Eucharist

Lent Course 'The Chosen'

Thursdays 7-8.30pm, Wellow Village Hall - 19th & 26th March

We will watch an episode of 'The Chosen' (TV Series about the life of Jesus) and then a discussion over snacks and desserts.

"During Lent, everyone was invited to stay for a cup of hot water"

