



***15<sup>th</sup> March 2026***

***Mothering Sunday***

In here you'll find today's hymns and readings, and this week's notices to use alongside the Lent Holy Communion order of service.

Prayer ministry will be available during the distribution of Holy Communion. Our prayer ministry team is small at the moment. We are still committed to offering prayer and for the time being we will be using a short Celtic prayer for healing. Anyone is welcome to come and receive prayer.



*Opening Hymn: Dear Lord, Creator, good and kind*

Dear Lord, creator, good and kind,  
forgive our foolish ways:  
re clothe us in our rightful mind;  
in purer lives your service find,  
in deeper reverence praise,  
in deeper reverence praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,  
beside the Syrian sea,  
the gracious calling of the Lord  
let us, like them, obey his word:  
'Rise up and follow me,  
rise up and follow me!'

O sabbath rest by Galilee!  
O calm of hills above,  
when Jesus shared on bended knee  
the silence of eternity  
interpreted by love,  
interpreted by love!

With that deep hush subduing all  
our words and works that drown  
the tender whisper of your call,  
as noiseless let your blessing fall  
as fell your manna down,  
as fell your manna down.

Drop your still dews of quietness,  
till all our strivings cease;  
take from our souls the strain and stress,  
and let our ordered lives confess  
the beauty of your peace,  
the beauty of your peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire  
your coolness and your balm;  
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire,  
speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,  
O still small voice of calm,  
O still small voice of calm!

*Jubilate Hymns version of Dear Lord and Father of mankind  
John Greenleaf Whittier (1807 - 1892)*

### *Collect*

One: 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*

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. <sup>2</sup>The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. <sup>3</sup>When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. <sup>4</sup>His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

<sup>5</sup>The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. <sup>6</sup>When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. <sup>7</sup>Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' <sup>8</sup>Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. <sup>9</sup>Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. <sup>10</sup>When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

### *Gradual hymn: Today we bring our thankful hearts*

Today we bring our thankful hearts,  
For all a mothering love imparts:  
For those who gave us life and breath,  
For love that's stronger far than death.

For kindness, patience, warmth and care,  
For each embrace, each tear, each prayer,  
Each word of peace, each healing touch,  
These simple gifts which mean so much.

We look to you, our mothering Lord,  
Who knows love's cost, and love's reward,  
Your passion fiercer than the grave,  
Love for the world you came to save.

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### *Gospel Reading: Luke 2:33-35*

<sup>33</sup> And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. <sup>34</sup> Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed <sup>35</sup> so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

### *Offertory Hymn: Lord of all hopefulness*

*Number 507 in Common Praise*

### *Communion hymn: Remembering Mary*

Mary, joyful mother, resting from the birth,  
Do you sense the future for your Son on earth?  
Angels, shepherds, wise men, all foretell a King,  
But like every mother, you'll know suffering.

Mary, anxious mother, searching for your boy,  
Jesus does not mean to anger or annoy.  
He's still in the temple, asking questions deep.  
This disturbing memory ponder now and keep.

Mary, hurt, excluded, standing in the cold,  
Jesus inside preaching, challenging and bold,  
Seems now to belittle all your love so free.  
Who will be my family? Those who follow me!

Mary, watching sadly by the cruel cross,  
Who can know your thoughts now, grieving in your loss?  
Was it all for this, then? All your years of care?  
He cries, "It is finished!" You weep with despair.

Mary, new disciple, in the upper room,  
Waiting, watching, praying – Spirit's coming soon.  
Mother of the Christ-child, suffering, faithful, true,  
We have now a Saviour. God be praised for you!

*Words: © Gillian Collins*

*Final hymn: God of Eve and God of Mary*

God of Eve and God of Mary,  
God of love and mother earth,  
thank you for the ones who with us  
shared their life and gave us birth.

As you came to earth in Jesus,  
so you come to us today;  
you are present in our caring  
that prepares us for life's way.

Thank you, that the Church, our Mother,  
gives us bread and fills our cup,  
and the comfort of the Spirit  
warms our hearts and lifts us up.

Thank you for belonging, shelter,  
bonds of friendship, ties of blood,  
and for those who have no children,  
yet are parents under God.

God of Eve and God of Mary,  
Christ our Brother, human Son,  
Spirit, caring like a Mother,  
take our love and make us one.

*Words by Fred Kaan 1989*

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## **NEWS AND NOTICES**

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### **UPCOMING SERVICES**

Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March 10am:	Holy Communion
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March 10am:	Breathing Space
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 10:30am:	Holy Communion
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 10am:	Holy Communion
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> March 10:30am:	Holy Communion, Palm Sunday

### **APRIL – SEPTEMBER WORSHIP ROTA**

We are currently putting together the rota for readings, intercessions, preaching and leading for the Eastertide and Ordinary time rota. If you would like to join this please speak to Jenni. All new volunteers will need to complete the Church of England Basic Awareness Safeguarding training prior to starting, which is an online course you can do in your own time.

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY SUPPER – 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL 6PM**

As has been our custom on Maundy Thursday all are invited to share a simple meal with our friends from Warley Woods Methodist Church and Warley Baptist Church, followed by a service of Holy Communion. This year Warley Baptist are hosting. If you would like to come please can you let Jenni know by 23<sup>rd</sup> March. We will return to St Hilda's at 8:30pm on Maundy Thursday for the vigil, including stripping the altars.

### **LENT COURSE**

On Wednesdays in Lent there will be an opportunity to meet together to deepen our faith as we reflect on the theme for the week learning together. This is suitable for those who are new to faith and those who have been following Jesus for a long time. We will meet in choir vestry from 7:30pm to 9pm. Refreshments will be available. If you would like to come and can give a lift, or you need a lift please speak to Jenni and we can see if we can coordinate this.

The next dates are:

18<sup>th</sup> March – What do we do about suffering and injustice?

25<sup>th</sup> March – What does resurrection mean for us?

### **March Eco Tips – The Great British Spring Clean**

The Great British Spring Clean (Friday 13-Sunday 29 March) is the nation's biggest mass-action environmental campaign. You could join the Eco Group for a parish litter pick on Thursday 19 March at 11am, see if there's another local group or take part in your own time. Litter picking benefits the environment by removing rubbish that can be hazardous for wildlife and helps bring people together.

Find out more and pledge to pick up a bag

at: [keepbritaintidy.org/our-work/eliminating-litter/great-british-spring-clean](https://keepbritaintidy.org/our-work/eliminating-litter/great-british-spring-clean)

### **APCM- SAVE THE DATE!**

Our APCM will be on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 12, after the morning service.

If you are not on our electoral roll and would like to vote please fill in a form and return it to Liz Farrier. Anyone over 16 who is baptised and has been worshipping with us for 6 months can join.

If you are interested in standing for PCC please ask Jenni or James Atkinson for a helpful booklet about the process.

### **Conservatoire Concerts March - April 2026**

These concerts offer the chance to hear a wide range of music, with free entry. However, donations are welcome to help cover costs of heating, licenses and performer expenses. There is the chance to talk to some very talented musicians over a cup of tea or coffee and biscuits after their recitals, which you will not get in a concert hall!

Dates are:

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March, 19:30-20:30, Brass Quintet

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April, 19:30-20:30, Viola and Piano

Please do your best to come and support these musicians. If you wish to be kept up to date about concerts, please

contact [sthildasconcerts@gmail.com](mailto:sthildasconcerts@gmail.com) and we will add you to our mailing list, or ask Angela, Terry or Marian.

### **Tidying the garden at the front of the church**

From 11<sup>th</sup> April, weather permitting, the monthly Saturday morning sessions to tidy the church front garden will resume. These will be on the first Saturday of each month, between 10.00 am - 12.00 noon. If you are free, your help would be appreciated at any time during those mornings. Experienced and inexperienced gardeners are all welcome. The 2026 dates will be: 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 6<sup>th</sup> June, 4<sup>th</sup> July, 1<sup>st</sup> August, 5<sup>th</sup> September, and 3<sup>rd</sup> October. If you have any queries, please speak to Rob Eaton or Anne Harris.

### **VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES:**

#### **DUTY WARDENS**

Duty Wardens are responsible for getting the church ready on Sundays, including setting up the altar for Holy Communion, lighting candles, managing the collection, and clearing up at the end of the service. Most duty wardens serve once a month. Full training will be given. As with all church roles Basic Awareness Safeguarding training will be need to be completed before starting.

Please see Church Wardens Ian or Julie to find out more.

#### **HOLY COMMUNION SERVER(S) NEEDED**

We are seeking a new member (or perhaps members!) to join our team of Holy Communion servers. This role includes assisting with the preparation of the altar, helping with the distribution of Holy Communion and clearing at the end of the service. Due to the nature of our building Servers need to be able to use stairs. Full training will be given, including Basic Awareness Safeguarding which is imperative for any volunteer role in the church. Please speak to Jenni or Ian if this interests you.

#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: PARISH SAFEGUARDING TEAM**

Our current team, Anne Harris, PARISH SAFEGUARDING COORDINATOR (PSC) and Mike Baynham, PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICER (PSO) are looking for help with managing our Safeguarding needs, including the writing and reviewing of policies. Anne Harris will eventually be stepping down and we are seeking to recruit in time for a smooth handover from Anne and for the next PSC to work alongside Mike Baynham and others as part of a team.

These roles are; to work with the incumbent and PCC in promoting safeguarding within the parish, and to ensure that church leaders are implementing the Church of England's safeguarding guidance. The Parish Safeguarding Coordinator is the key link person between the parish and the Diocesan Safeguarding Team, and the PSOS support this role. These roles requires an enhanced DBS and completion of several training modules offered by the Diocese. Good computer literacy is essential for this as it includes working with a database. If you think this might be something you would be interested in and God is calling you to consider it, please speak to Anne Harris or Jenni Crewes. We can offer you more detailed role descriptions. Please pray for the right people to be recruited for this essential aspect of parish life, and whether this could be you.

**This week please pray for;**

- The funerals of Margaret and John as they take place on Wednesday and Friday.
- Our volunteer vacancies.
- All who are struggling with mental and physical health.

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<p><u>Safeguarding information</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Never promise to keep a secret.</li> <li>2. Assure the person that what they say will be taken seriously.</li> <li>3. You might say "I will have to talk about what you have told me to the Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator or the Vicar or the Bishop's Safeguarding Advisor, and this will be with as much confidentiality as is possible".</li> </ol> <p><a href="http://www.sainthildawarleywoods.co.uk/SAFEGUARDING.html">http://www.sainthildawarleywoods.co.uk/SAFEGUARDING.html</a></p>		

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