

Readings Sunday March 15th

MOTHERING SUNDAY

1st reading: 1 Samuel 1:20-end

2nd reading: 2 Corinthians 1:3-7

Gospel: Luke 2:33-35

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SERVICES NEXT WEEK

All Saints', Lower Brixham Tuesday 10th

10am: Holy Communion +Lent Course

St Mary's, Brixham Wednesday 11th

10:30: Holy Communion+ Lent Course

Barn, Galmpton Thursday 12th

2pm Lent Course

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MOTHERING SUNDAY

All Saints' 9.30 Worship for All

St Mary's, Brixham 8.45 Holy Communion

11:00 Sunday Worship

St Mary the Virgin, Churston

10:00 Holy Communion

St Thomas of Canterbury, Kingswear

10:30 Holy Communion

The Barn, Galmpton

8:45 Morning Worship

PRAYERS FOR RECENTLY DEPARTED

David Maunder; Philip Lewis



THE GRAPEVINE

8 March 2026

Third Sunday of Lent

Collect

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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.

First reading: Exodus 17:1-7

Second reading: Romans 5:1-11

Gospel: John 4:5-42

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.)* Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus

said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.'

Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!'

¹⁹The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you^{*} say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I am he,^{*} the one who is speaking to you.' Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah,^{*} can he?' They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' But he said to

them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving^{*} wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.' Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

All Saints' Clarice Westlake, Chris Chinnery, Christine Watt, Anne Vickery
St Mary's, Brixham Gordon Smith, Graham Ward, Helen Kelly and daughter Sarah, Ivor John, Robin Hale, Paul Stamp, Paul Oxenbury, Joshua Jackson, Judy Jolly, Rev'd Ken and Val Dixon, Jean Buttersworth, Joan Christley
St Mary's, Churston Eric Smith, Jo & David Lambert, Vikki Sheen, Derek Brown, Wendy Tonkin, Jamie, Sandra Marley, Phil; Derek Knowles; Geoff Gadsby
Kingswear Marcia and Christine Abdilla, Stela.

