



Parish of Wiverton in the Vale:
One flock, One Shepherd, Six Pastures
Notices 14th March 2021
MOTHERING SUNDAY (LENT 4)

DIARY FOR THE WEEK *(correct at time of going to press)*

SUNDAY 14TH MARCH – MOTHERING SUNDAY (LENT 4)

No Holy Communion



10.30am – Sunday Service (on our website)

Katharine Bacon will be leading the service this Sunday, Revd Clare Connell will be preaching, Helen Hills will be leading us in intercessions, Vivien Hall will be bringing us the bible reading and Dorothy Thompson will be leading us in sung worship. Please [click here](#) to join the service at 10.30am (or later). www.wivertoninthevale.co.uk/online-services

11.30am – Time for a Cuppa (via Zoom)

Please join us for a cuppa after the online service.

MONDAY 15TH MARCH

9.00am – All Parish Morning Prayer (via Zoom)

All are invited to parish prayers via Zoom on Mondays and Fridays

10.30am-12.30pm – St Giles' Cropwell Bishop, open for private prayer

FRIDAY 19TH MARCH

9.00am – All Parish Morning Prayer (via Zoom)

5.00pm – Colston Bassett's Evening Prayer (via Zoom)

SUNDAY 21ST MARCH – LENT 5

No Holy Communion

9.30am – JOY! The Lost Sheep (via Zoom)

For more information, please contact Vivien at:
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10.30am – Sunday Service (on our website)

11.30am – Time for a Cuppa (via Zoom)



THIS WEEK'S READINGS

2 Corinthians 1: 3-7 and John 19: 25b-27

by Sid Mitchell

Mothering Sunday – we celebrate Mothers

Mothering Sunday is upon us, the day we celebrate our mothers;

the Mothers who bore us, the Mothers of our children, the Mothers of our grandchildren and those who may not be blood relatives but have still played a significant role in mothering us.

We can look back on a life of the incredible love, care and affection that these mothers provide.

In today's reading in John 19: 25b-27 we read about Mary, mother of Jesus at the cross. What anguish! What grief! We all dread the thought of our children dying before us. What confusion and pain she must have felt watching her son, who was born with such promise, die such a gruesome and unbearable death. How incredible that in his time of greatest pain and torment that Jesus should show such compassion for his mother.

'Woman, here is your son', He said to Mary.

'Here is your mother', He said to John.

In two short sentences Jesus showed his compassion and provision, for a close friend in need of comfort, and for Mary in need of purpose and protection.

What an honour for John knowing how much Jesus loved him and that he was now entrusting the care of his mother with him.

What loving reassurance for Mary to know that in his dying moments her son, who was proving to be so much more than just an earthly son, was concerned for her care.

This group of disciples, friends and supporters would go on to form the beginnings of what we call church.

We also celebrate Church

The Church of England is also the mother church of the international Anglican Communion of 39 churches worldwide. It traces its history to the Christian church recorded as existing in the Roman province of Britain by the third century, and to the 6th-century Gregorian mission to Kent led by Augustine of Canterbury.

In the 16th century, Mothering Sunday was less about mothers and more about church. Back then, people would make a journey to their 'mother' church once a year. This might have been their home church, their nearest cathedral or a

major parish church in a bigger town. The service which took place at the 'mother' church symbolised the coming together of families. This would have represented a significant journey for many.

Father God, in making humankind in his image, made them male and female. He is credited with displaying a motherly nature and Jesus refers to this in his lament over Jerusalem '... how often I have desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings ...' Luke 13:34b.

So, we celebrate our mothers and we can also celebrate Church. The Mother Church of our tradition which in its best form is the community of believers which nurtures us, cares for us, has compassion and love for us, offers shelter and protection and a better way of living our lives in the hope and reassurance of eternal life through the same Jesus who showed such compassion for Mary.

This same church has traditionally shared its resources to provide care for children and those in need. The current pandemic has shown this in many ways.

Both are amazing! Perhaps we can find time to reflect and appreciate what both have and continue to mean to us.

TIME TO PRAY

Loving God,

Thank you for mums and children
and for all the joy of family life.

Be with those who are grieving because they have no mother;

Be close to those who are struggling because they have no children;

Be near to those who are sad because they are far apart from those they love.

Let your love be present in every home,

And help your church to
have eyes to see and ears
to hear the needs of all
who come.

We ask this in the name
of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Just as God is our Father
so God is also our
Mother.

Julian of Norwich



AN EASTER APPEAL FOR OUR LOCAL FREE SCHOOL MEAL FAMILIES

We thought it would be a great idea to do an Easter focused campaign where we could provide our families with Easter themed goodies to bring them a little joy over the break and to let them know they are still thought of and supported.

For further details please see last week's Notice sheet or email katharinebacon@hotmail.com

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Further information and contact details can be found on the parish website at www.wivertoninthevale.co.uk/whos-who

**Copy deadline for items to be included in next week's Notice Sheet:
Wednesday 17th March, to the Parish Administrator.**