



## Mothering Sunday Fourth Sunday of Lent

15 March 2026

### Mothering Sunday, Fourth Sunday of Lent, 15 March, 2026

**10am** Parish Communion  
(with distribution of flowers)

**Readings:** Exodus 2.1-10 *The birth of Moses*  
Colossians 3.12-17 *New Life in Christ*  
John 19.25b-27  
*Mary the mother of Jesus*

**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.

**Zoom** To join [Click here](#)

Meeting ID: 931 2877 4094

Passcode: 263739

Landline dial in contact: 0330 088 5830

Sunday School: All school-age children welcome  
*followed by coffee, Simnel cake and fellowship  
in the Chapter House*

**6pm** Deanery Evening Worship  
St Mary's, Northill

### Monday 16 March

7pm Lent Group 4 with soup and roll supper  
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### Tuesday 17 March

7:30pm PCC Meeting

### Thursday 19 March

9:30am Holy Communion  
Readings: Romans 4.13-18  
Matthew 1.18-25

*Followed by coffee, warm spaces and fellowship,  
Chapter House*

10:45am Lent Group 4, St John's Room

12noon-2pm MU Soup Lunch

### Friday 20 March

11am Funeral of Alan Buck RIP,  
St Andrew's Church

### Saturday 21 March

10am - 12pm Coffee Shop, Final Warm Spaces and  
Craft and Chat, *Chapter House*

### Sunday 22 March

10am Parish Communion  
Sunday School: All school-age children welcome  
*Followed by coffee and fellowship, Chapter House*

3pm Civic Service

6pm Deanery Evening Worship—  
All Saints', Cople

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**Intercessions** Let us pray for: Churches Together in Biggleswade, hospitals, clinics, dentists, medical hubs and support services, end of Ramadan (18<sup>th</sup>), our Islamic friends and communities

**Requesting our Prayers:** Percy Doughty, Revd Liz Lavelle, Revd Liz Oglesby-Elong, Charles Rutt, Nick Smithers, Steve Waldron, Derek and Gill Whinnett.

We continue to pray for: Jane Parker, Philip Pettit, Maureen Wade

**We pray for the souls of the recently departed:** Alan Buck, Hilary Lawrence-Tinsley, Joan Walker. For families and friends preparing for services of thanksgiving and celebration of life. We remember with prayers and thankful, privileged, memories those whose Year's Mind fall at this time.

**Mafambisa:** We remember the people of our partner community of Mafambisa, for the vulnerable and orphaned children, the care workers, the caregivers and all who support them. By name this week we pray for care-worker: Virginia and children: Enos, Life, Tomas, Khetho, Sphesihle, Thabang, Thabo

**MU** Thursday 19 March 12-2pm. Soup lunch. No set price, donate what you can. All welcome!

*Maggie McLoughlin*

**Craft and Chat and Easter Flowers** Required for an Easter window display. If you can knit, crochet, sew or craft me a flower (or more), max 3" width it would be much appreciated. Please can you hand them to me by 29 March so that I can put the display together. Come to the next Craft and Chat on 21 March and make one (bring your own materials) or just come for your own craft project and a natter with a coffee!

*Anna Rutt*

**Church cleaning rota** A big thank to everyone who helps to keep the Church so well cared for! However, our regular cleaners need some help as several have either moved away or decided to resign from the job for personal reasons. It would be brilliant if we could get some more volunteers to help with this important four weekly job. If you are interested and could help at all please have a word with me. Many thanks.

*Nettie van de Weerd*

**MU Quiet Day** Saturday 25 April 10am-3pm. Theme: 'The Emmaus Road'- Led by Revd Barbara Ebeling, Celebration of Holy Communion at 2:30pm with Revd Liz—all welcome.

This is a day of prayer and contemplation with addresses by Revd Barbara. Time to sit or walk in the grounds, read or do crafts; relax and refresh. More details in the foyer.

*Maggie McLoughlin Rosamund Drakes*

### **Coffee**

Julie Balaam - Community Agent - will join us for coffee on Thursday 26 March. *Nettie van de Weerd*

### **Easter Flowers and Lilies**

We plan as in previous years to decorate our church for Easter this year. If you would like to support us, please consider the following ways:

Easter Lilies: Many of the congregation do this to remember a loved one (£2.50-£3 per lily).

Easter Flowers: As we celebrate the Risen Lord at Easter we have floral arrangements in windows, donations are always welcome to help cover the cost.

Easter Garden/Crosses: On Easter Day we bring our Easter garden and outdoor cross to life with fresh flowers so please bring some to the Easter Day service.

Donations and orders for lilies, by 29 March please. Many thanks.

*Lucy Dilley 07800 577106*



Jesus, like a mother you gather your people to you;  
you are gentle with us as a mother with her children.  
Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness;  
through your gentleness we find comfort in fear.  
Your warmth gives life to the dead,  
your touch makes sinners righteous.  
Lord Jesus, in your mercy heal us;  
in your love and tenderness remake us.  
In your compassion bring grace and forgiveness,  
for the beauty of heaven may your love prepare us.  
Anselm (1109)

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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.

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### Future Dates

29 March	9:45am	Palm Sunday Procession from the Market Square
	10am	Parish Communion with dramatised reading of the Gospel
30, 31 March and 1 April	7pm	Night Prayer, St Andrew's Church
2 April	7:30pm	Maundy Thursday Holy Communion, Hand Washing and Watch of the Night
3 April	10:30am	Churches Together Walk of Witness followed by service in Market Square
	1:30pm	Good Friday Liturgy with dramatised reading of the Gospel, St Andrew's Church Easter Garden and activities for children in Chapter House
4 April	8pm	Paschal Ceremony
5 April	10am	Festival Parish Communion
6 April		Easter Pilgrimage to St Alban's Cathedral (Timings to be announced)

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