



15th March 2026
Mothering Sunday

St James' Church
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Notices

Annual Parish Meetings

Our annual meetings will take place in the hall next Sunday, 22nd March from 12.00 noon. Refreshments will follow the meeting.

Flowers for Easter

If you would like to help decorate the church for Easter, please come along between 10.00 am and 12.00 noon on Holy Saturday, 4th April. Donations of flowers, greenery, or cash are also welcome, and can be made to Pat Snell or Liz Holland.

Maunder Thursday Opportunities

To volunteer to have a foot washed at the Maunder Thursday service, or to sign up for The Watch, which follows that service, please use the sign-up sheets at the back of the church.

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.

10.00 am Music

Processional hymn 36

Offertory hymn 166

Communion anthems

Recessional hymn 612

Angel-Voices Ever Singing

For Mary, Mother of Our Lord

The Lord's Prayer (music by Joseph Lees)
Psalm 127

Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord

This Week

Morning Prayer is said at 8.30 am

Online: Mon, Wed

In the church: Tue, Thu, Fri

Mon 16th March John 4: 43 – 54

2.30 pm Viewing of *The Chosen*

6.00 pm Stations of the Cross

7.00 pm Choir practice

Tue 17th March John 5: 1 – 3 & 5 – 16

2.30 pm Lent course

Wed 18th March John 5: 17 – 30

12.00 noon Eucharist

Thu 19th March Matthew 1: 18 – 25

11.00 am Funeral of Peter Eveleigh

Fri 20th March John 7: 1 – 2, 10, & 25 – 30

2.00 pm Craft group

Sat 21st March John 7: 40 – 52

Next Sunday: 22nd March

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Passiontide begins John 11: 1 – 45

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Eucharist

12.00 noon Annual parish meetings

TODAY

6.00 pm Evening Worship

Sharing God's love through worship, fellowship and service

First Reading: Exodus 2: 1-10

A man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. 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. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. 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. 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. 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?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. 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. 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.'

Psalm 127: 1-4

Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labour in vain. Unless the Lord keeps the city, the guard keeps watch in vain. It is in vain that you hasten to rise up early and go so late to rest, eating the bread of toil, for he gives his beloved sleep. Children are a heritage from the Lord and the fruit of the womb is his gift.

Second Reading: Colossians 3: 12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Gospel Reading: John 19: 25-27

Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

Post-Communion Prayer

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

