

This Weeks Diary

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Parish of Paignton
St John the Baptist, Paignton
St Boniface, Paignton



SUNDAY 27th March 2022 Fourth Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday

Sunday 27th March: 4th Sunday of Lent/Mothering Sunday
Exodus 2.1-10. Ps. 34.11-20 Colossians 3.12-17. John 19.25b-27

Hymns: 116, 156, 422, 394, 202

08:00 St John's: BCP
10:00 St John's: Holy Communion
11.15 St Boniface: Café Comm'n-Mothering Sunday

Mon 28th - Fri 1st April: Morning & Evening Prayer
8:30am & 5pm: St John's: Common Worship

Monday 28th March

Isaiah 65.17-21 Ps.30.1-5,8,11-end John 4.43-end
09.30 St John's: Holy Communion

Tuesday 29th March

Ezekiel 47,1-9,12. Psalm 46.1-8 John 5.1-3,5-16.
09.30 St Boniface: Holy Communion

Wednesday 30th March

Isaiah 49.8-15 Psalm 145.8-18 John 5.17-30.
11:00 St John's: Holy Communion

Thursday 31st March: John Donne

Exodus 32.7-14 Psalm 106.19-23 John 5.31-end
09.30 St John's: Holy Communion

Friday 1st April: Frederick Denison Maurice

Jeremiah 26.8-11. Ps34.15-end. John 7.1-2,10,25-30.
09.30 St John's: Holy Communion

Saturday 2nd April:

Jeremiah 11.18-20 Psalm.7.1-2,8-10. John 7 40-52
09.30 St John's: Holy Communion

Sunday 3rd April. 5th Sunday of Lent: Passiontide begins

Isaiah 43.16-21. Psalm 126. Phil.3.4b-14. John 12.1-8

Hymns: 67, 255, 72, 124 117

08:00 St John's: BCP
10:00 St John's: Holy Communion

Dates for the Diary

- Sun 3rd Apr St John's: AMP/APCM at 11:30

Breakfast with the Bible

- Sunday 3rd Apr Coverdale Centre:

Lent Towards the Sunrise Fellowship Discussions

- **Tue:** 29 March & 5 Apr: St Boniface 7:30pm
- **Wed:** 30 Mar & 6 Apr: St John's 1.00pm

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Week: Leaflets outlining all the services and activities available during Holy week are available in church and also on posters on church noticeboards. Please do join in as much as you can to experience the full joy of reaching and celebrating Easter Day.

3rd April Whole Parish Service & AMP/APCM: On the 3rd April the whole parish will have a service at 10am at St Johns followed by the AMP/APCM where we review the proceedings of the 2021, elect Churchwardens and 2 new members of the PCC. Please speak to Fr. Neil if you would like to know more.

Easter Memorial Flowers: For the next few weeks there will be an opportunity to give a donation towards the cost of our Easter flowers in memory of loved ones. If you would like to do this, please fill in the form at the back of church. The names will be displayed in church over the Easter season. Gill Calvert.

Ukraine appeal: Thank you for all those who contributed to our Ukraine appeal last week which meant we were able to add a further £150 to the previous £875 we sent to the DEC appeal.

Confirmation: Can all candidates planning to be Confirmed on the 1st May confirm with Fr. Neil that he has their names recorded correctly

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

- Ukraine: All who have been killed or injured; those who have become refugees and all who live in perpetual fear, hunger and thirst;
- All who offer a mother's love; they unending care and concern they provide, the joys they share, the pains they bear and all that they give even when feel tired and despairing;
- All who have to watch and be present while loved ones suffer from illness;
- All who willingly provide support and protection for those who have no one else to support them;
- All who need God's love and protection including ourselves, but most especially for those in need or suffering including those who have asked for our prayers;
Paula, Emma, Rick, Dorothy, Poppy, Brian, Margaret, Beverley, Penelope, Sylvia
- The souls of those who have died recently including:
Jean Swift, Roy Bennett
their families and friends and any whose anniversary of death falls at this time:
June Chapple, Jean Hoare, Jean Pearson, Mike Lees, Louisa Brown, John Hopwood, Gareth Poole

Collect: 4th Sunday of Lent

Merciful Lord, absolve your people from their offences, that through your bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the chains of those sins which by our frailty we have committed; grant this, heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Collect: Mothering Sunday

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.

Exodus 2. 1-10

Page 45 of the ESV bible

Psalms 34. 11-20

Come, O children, listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

Which of you desires life,
and covets many days to enjoy good?

Keep your tongue from evil,
and your lips from speaking deceit.
Depart from evil, and do good;
seek peace, and pursue it.

The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,
and his ears are open to their cry.

The face of the Lord is against evildoers,
to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.

When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears,
and rescues them from all their troubles.

The Lord is near to the broken-hearted,
and saves the crushed in spirit.

Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but the Lord rescues them from them all.
He keeps all their bones;
not one of them will be broken.

Colossians 3. 12-17

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John 19. 25b-27

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. 26When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' 27Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

John 19. 25b-27 Study Notes

Read the passage slowly and reflectively

- Note anything that particularly strikes you and refer to the notes if they are helpful.
- Spend a few moments in quiet reflection

V25. As in the synoptics, a group of Jesus' women disciples including Mary of Magdala witness his crucifixion (Mark 15:40). Only John mentions the mother of Jesus at the cross, and where the synoptics report the women as watching only at a distance (Matt 27:55), John mentions them as standing by the cross. Vv 26-27. In John, Mary only appears here and at the wedding at Cana (2.1-12) and in both cases Jesus addresses her as 'woman' (2.4). The use of the title *'the mother of Jesus'* allows Mary to serve a larger symbolic role in the gospel narrative than if she had simply been named. At Cana she appeared as the model of the church, the singular embodiment of the faithful people of God. At the cross she appears as the mother of the church.

In a basic sense Jesus entrusts his mother to the care of the beloved disciple as an act of love for her. In antiquity, women without a male protector, especially those of lower classes had little or no social standing and few societal protections. They depended on a male usually a husband or a son for survival. When Jesus dies Mary will be left without a husband or son to care for her and so Jesus gives her into the beloved disciples care for her own survival. But this act has dimensions deeper than Jesus' practical care for his mother. Jesus first says to his mother *'here is your son'* who is the son to whom Jesus refers? In one sense, son refers properly to Jesus himself, for as her biological son he is addressing Mary. But the context also suggests that the 'son' applies to the beloved disciple because of what Jesus says to him *'here is your mother'*. By naming his own mother as the mother of the beloved disciple, Jesus reveals a specific spiritual relationship between himself and the beloved disciple, both of them are Mary's sons. The evangelist concludes *'from that hour the disciple took her into his home'* This also has a deeper spiritual meaning than the disciple simply taking Mary into his care. The verb 'took' is translated everywhere in the gospel as 'receive' often to express the receiving of heavenly realities.

Questions for reflection:

1. Does your celebration of Mothering Sunday reflect your sense of belonging to the family of the Church?
2. How might you develop that sense of 'family' across the congregation and in partnership with other local church communities?
3. When you need to share a loved ones pain, by just being present, might it help you to ask Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows, who has been in the same pace we are to intercede for us?

Read the passage for a final time and give thanks to God for the gift of his holy word.