



The Parish of Darfield

All Saints, Darfield and St Michael, Great Houghton

Sunday 14th March 2021

4th Sunday of Lent

Mothering Sunday

10:30 a.m. Partnership Service on Facebook

Followed by All Saints Coffee Time on Zoom

4:00 p.m. Partnership Family Praise on Zoom

Public Worship and Private Prayer

Our Churches remain closed for Public Worship and Private Prayer

Mothering Sunday

The fourth Sunday of Lent, otherwise Mid-Lent Sunday or Refreshment Sunday was a day when the rigorous observations of Lent were briefly relaxed.

The link between Mid-Lent Sunday and mothers dates to the 8th Century where the set readings in the then current Lectionary made direct or indirect references to mothers.

The Book of Common Prayer retained these same passages and in the 16th Century a tradition built up that people would 'go-a-Mothering' as they made the journey to their Mother Church, usually the main church or Cathedral in the area or the church in which they were baptised. A holiday atmosphere surrounding this event and domestic servants were allowed time off to visit their families as well as their Mother Church. They were responding to the psalmist's "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the LORD." [Psalm 121: 1]

There is some confusion between what we call Mothering Sunday and Mother's Day. Mother's Day was officially inaugurated in 1914 by the then US President Woodrow Wilson as a National Day to recognise mothers and motherhood. Celebrated on the second Sunday of May, Mother's Day has been joined by Father's Day, Sibling's Day, Grandparents' Day and even Mother-in-Law's Day (or Mothers' in Law Day?). Even though the Mother's Day title has become more prevalent in the UK, the date has remained as the 4th Sunday of Lent.

One food item associated with Mothering Sunday is the Simnel Cake, a light fruitcake with two layers of marzipan, one in the middle and one on top. The top has eleven marzipan balls said to represent the eleven faithful disciples. In more recent times they have become associated with Easter, but you will no doubt be able to buy one online for most of the year!



Mothers' Union is the heart and love of the Church. *Most Revd. & Rt Hon. Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury, MU Patron*

The Mothers' Union is a worldwide movement which allows women to flourish and make a difference for good. Founded in 1876 by Mary Sumner in Old Alresford, Hampshire, that single group has grown to over 4 million members in 84 countries.

The Charity is more than just the members of our local branch, meeting regularly to worship, to learn more about their faith and to offer support to each other. Working with partner churches, Mothers Union Worldwide provides a range of support including worship resources for local clergy and practical help for baptismal families.

We thank you for your love so freely given to us all.

We pray for families around the world.

Bless the work of the Mothers' Union as we seek to share your love through the encouragement, strengthening and support of marriage and family life.

Empowered by your Spirit, may we be united in prayer and worship, and in love and service reach out as your hands across the world.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for

Olive & Raymond Shaw

Pat Bentley

Steven, Kate and their families

Steve & Val Myers

The family of Edith Turner

Rachael Houston and the family of Andy Houston.

Contact: Carol Hunter
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4th Sunday of Lent

Collect

Merciful Lord,
you know our struggle to serve you: when sin spoils our lives and overshadows our hearts, come to our aid and turn us back to you again; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings Lent 4

Numbers 21: 4-9
Psalm 107: 1-3,17-22
Ephesians 2: 1-10
St John 3: 14-21

Bible Readings for this week

March:

14th Acts 15: 1-21
15th Acts 15: 22-35
16th Acts 15: 36-41
17th Acts 16: 1-10
18th Acts 16: 11-15
19th Acts 16: 16-40
20th Acts 17: 1-9

Collect for 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 us 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

Readings for Mothering Sunday

Exodus 2: 1-10	1 Samuel 1: 20-28
Psalms 34: 11-20	Psalms 127: 1-4
2 Corinthians 1: 3-7	Colossians 3: 12-17
St Luke 2: 33-35	St John 19: 25-27

Church Legacy

We thank those of you who regularly support the work of the Churches in our Parish through standing orders, envelopes or on the collection plate.

You also have an opportunity to continue to support your Church. A gift to the Church in your Will is a lasting way in which to do this.

The PCC acknowledges a Legacy of £14,594.61 from the Estate of the late Douglas Mann of Minehead, a former parishioner at All Saints. It was left for the general purposes of the PCC with a request that it be used for the maintenance and upkeep of All Saints Church.

You can talk to Peter or to Kay in confidence if you want to explore this way of supporting your church in the Parish. They are unable to give advice on the actual writing of your Will and strongly advise that you instruct a Solicitor to complete the process.



There is still time to download the #LIVE LENT App from the App Store or Google Play

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