



# Mothering Sunday

## Introduction and Call to Worship:

On Mothering Sunday, we pause in the middle of Lent to give thanks for those who have given us life. We give thanks for the Church, our spiritual mother, who nourishes us in faith and sends us out to live as God's people in the world.

### Services for Mothering Sunday – 10 March 2024

*Exodus 2.1-10; Colossians 3.12-17; John 19.25b-27*

9.15 Parish Eucharist: St Mary's Upton

10.30 Parish Eucharist: St John the Baptist SM

10.30 Parish Eucharist: St Michael's B

10.30 Online Benefice Service via the following link for

**Computer, tablet, smartphone**

<https://meet.goto.com/ChurnBenefice/sundayservice>

To dial in with your **home phone**: 0330 221 0088.

**Access Code**: 975-579-069

**New user** <https://meet.goto.com/install>

Access via link above.

You can join in from 10 am to get ready or to join the chat.

We hope to see you there!

16.00 Parish Service: All Saints' North Moreton

18.00 Service of the word: St Andrew's Hagbourne

**PLEASE TAKE A COPY OF THE CHURN HOME WITH YOU!**

## HOW TO CONTACT US: BENEFICE OFFICE - 01235 850267 or 07434 686 044

The Benefice Operations Manager, Elaine de Ridder, is usually available from 9.00 am - 2.30pm Monday to Friday, contact on 01235 850267 during office hours.

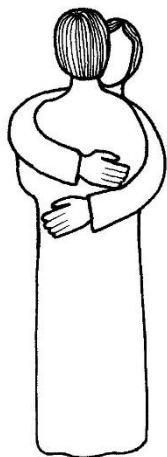
Bookings for Weddings, Baptisms etc. may be made by contacting the office via telephone or email [office@churnchurches.co.uk](mailto:office@churnchurches.co.uk).

Website [www.churnchurches.co.uk](http://www.churnchurches.co.uk)

### You can contact the clergy on: -

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### DIDCOT CHURCHES REFUGEE WELCOME GROUP



After two years of logistical and paperwork preparations, we are finally on the brink of welcoming a refugee family to find a safe home in Didcot through the Community Sponsorship scheme! Our small team need help to be ready to welcome the family.

There are a few ways you could help us right now:

- **Can you volunteer to help us set the house up in the next 6-8 weeks with furniture, groceries and homeware?** The list of items needed is on our website

<https://www.churnchurches.co.uk/resources/didcot-churches-refugee-welcome-group.php>) and include furniture, kitchenware, cleaning materials, toiletries and electronics. **A volunteer** is needed to manage the donations of good quality items. If you are a bargain hunter who would like to help with purchasing, to make a small budget go a long way so everything is ready for the family's arrival, we need your help.

- **Can you help by volunteering time for the first few weeks/months to meet with the new family?** (requires us to initiate a DBS check and for you to take a short training in safeguarding) The aim is to help them gain English conversation practice, and settle by sharing your knowledge of the local area, e.g. knowledge of places of worship locally, introductions to local clubs, helping with CVs for applying for jobs, etc.

- **Can you help us by putting us in touch with any Afghan families in Oxfordshire?** It would be super helpful if you happen to have a connection who might help welcome this family. Any Turkish speakers who can volunteer would also be very helpful.

Please get in touch with Sophie or Rhiannon  
Sophie Hebden <[sophiehebden.sh@gmail.com](mailto:sophiehebden.sh@gmail.com)>  
Rhiannon Lovell <[rhiannoncmlovell@gmail.com](mailto:rhiannoncmlovell@gmail.com)>



Please see separate Lent leaflet with more details and suggestions on courses and devotions during Lent.

† **ST ANDREW'S LENT LUNCHES**

Soup lunches served at St Andrew's Church on Saturdays between 12:30-2:00pm during Lent **until 23<sup>rd</sup> March**. Please note there will be **NO soup lunch on 16<sup>th</sup> March**

† **ECUMENICAL GROUP**

**A Journey through the Psalms**

led by the Rev. Josie Midwinter and Jenny Loder.

Meeting on Fridays 10.30-12 noon, starting 23<sup>rd</sup> February at the home of Jenny Loder. Please book with Elaine in the Office 01235 850267 who will also give you directions.

† **OUTDOOR CHURCH FOR LENT**

- A short session of ACTIVITY for all ages *with pause for praise & prayer*. **Led by Revd Louise Butler**

**Good Friday March 29<sup>th</sup>, 10am "Making Easter Gardens" in Upton Churchyard.**

10am in St. Mary's Churchyard, Upton

We gather items to make Easter gardens – please bring a plate, tray or bowl

† **REFLECTIONS** - a tour around our Churches led by Father Jason. A series of reflections on our buildings, art and how they can help focus our prayers

3 – 4.30 pm Tuesdays in person and/or 7-8 pm online using the link <https://meet.goto.com/621726189>

12 March: Hagbourne; 19 March: Upton

**DUCK RACE**



The annual **Blewbury Bellringers' Duck Race** will be held on Easter Day (31<sup>st</sup> March) at noon at the Playclose. Racing ducks are £1.25 each. Tickets are available from Blewbury Post Office or Gill on 07767 463285.



*Loving God, we thank you for all the people who have mothered us throughout our lives. For all who have held us and fed us, cared for us and comforted us, challenged and encouraged us. Teach us to care as you do, and, we pray, hold all mothers and carers in the light of your presence and guide them to you. Amen.*

## Services for the coming week:

11 Mon	20.00	Online compline
12 Tues	15.00	<i>Reflections on art and spirituality: St Andrew's Hagbourne</i>
	19.00	<i>Reflections on art and spirituality: Online</i>
	20.00	Online compline
13 Wed	10.00	Holy Communion: St Andrew's Hagbourne
	20.00	Online compline
14 Thurs	20.00	Online compline
15 Fri	10.30	<i>A Journey through Psalms</i> at the home of Jenny Loder
	20.00	Online compline
16 Sat	12.30	NO Lent Lunch at St Andrew's Hagbourne

## † 17 March 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

*Jeremiah 31.31-34; Psalm 51.1-13; Hebrews 5.5-10; John 12.20-33*

9.00	Parish Eucharist: St Michael's Aston Tirrold
10.30	Taizé service: St Michael's B
10.30	Parish service for St Patrick's day: St Andrew's Hagbourne
10.30	Online Benefice Service
16.00	Parish Service: All Saints' North Moreton
18.00	Service of the word: St Andrew's Hagbourne

## FOR OUR PRAYERS

### Prayer focus this week

- Families, family services & Mothers' Union
- Everyone living in East Hagbourne



### Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers

Julian Gallop (H)	Brenda Paddon (U)	Delia Swanzy (B)
Joe & Janet Corderoy (H)	Jacquie Gibson (NM)	Iain & Fleur Hope (B)
Linden Chandler (H)	Jonathan Slade (NM)	Adrian Curtis (B)
Eric Ferguson (H)	Dan Pagnillo (SM)	Mary Curtis (B)
Emma Wolf (H)	James Ritson (B)	Joan Pogose (B)

### Please pray for those who have died recently

Alan Prior (B)

### And for those whose anniversary of death is this week

Muriel Stanley	Len Cox	Richard Brodie
Rhoda Boswell	Joanna Thomson	Pat Bayliss
Michael Bishop		