



Fourth Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday 10 March 2024



"Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony" - Colossians 3:14

This morning's hymns

195 For the beauty of the earth
73 Bind us together, Lord
499 Make me a channel of your peace
156 Do not be afraid *Communion*
306 He's got the whole world in his hands

This morning's readings and prayers

Exodus 2:1-10 (reader: Lesley Bowers); Psalm 127; **Colossians 3:12-17** (reader: Peter Knight); **Luke 2:33-35** (Gospeller: Mark Hewerdine); Intercessor: Opal Walsh

Prayer in the silence after communion

God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Collect for Mothering Sunday

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and 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 bring 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 forever.

Post-Communion for Mothering Sunday

Generous God, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May this food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other.

Next Sunday, Fifth Sunday of Lent, Passion Sunday Service of the Word led by Helen & Josh
Jeremiah 31:31-34 (reader: Esther Masih); Psalm 51; **Hebrews 5:5-10** (reader: Leslie Fletcher); **John 12:20-33** (Gospeller: Opal Walsh); Intercessor: Helen Reid

Tuesday 12 March	10.00am in the Hall: Holy Communion 11.00am – 12.30pm Chatty Tuesday – all welcome
Wednesday 13 March	2.00pm A tree surgeon will dump on a nearby pavement a wagon-load of chippings for church use. Can you lend a hand to help move the chippings into the church grounds? This needs to be done quickly so lots of help will be needed . On 27 March student volunteers will spread the chippings around the Community Orchard and Wildlife Garden. 3.00pm in St Paul's Church: Fourth meeting of Lent Group, based on <i>The Things He Carried</i> by Archbishop Stephen Cottrell.
Wednesday 27 March	7.30pm in church: "Homeless Jesus": an evening of poetry, creative writing, music and visual art inspired by the Homeless Jesus sculpture in St Anne's Square. All welcome

Services at the other "team ministry" churches

Hearing about the possibility of a team ministry you may be wondering what our prospective partner churches are like. A good way of finding out would be to attend a service on a Sunday, or a weekday, or both.

St Nicholas Burnage

Sunday: 10.30am Parish Eucharist
First Tuesday 7.00pm Taizé Evening Prayer
Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion

St Paul Withington

Sunday 10.30am Sung Eucharist
First Sunday 4.00pm Together! A monthly afternoon service for everyone
Second Sunday 5.00pm Choral Evensong
Fourth Sunday 5.00pm Bible and Butties

St James and Emmanuel Didsbury

The Didsbury churches have these regular service times on Sundays but it varies from week to week what the service is. On weekdays there is daily Morning Pray online but no regular weekday services in church.

9.00am	St James (usually BCP Holy Communion)
10.30am	Emmanuel
11.00am	St James
12.30pm	Emmanuel, worship in Farsi
6.15pm	Emmanuel