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4th Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday



11.00am Service of Communion

This morning we welcome Revd John Stevenson and thank him for leading our worship.

If you don't normally take communion but would like God's blessing, please come up to the altar rail holding your service booklet. Please stay for tea or coffee after the service — we would love to chat with you.

MORNING SERVICES. All commence at 11.00am

ROTAS	Today	02 April	09 April Palm Sunday	16 April Easter Day
Chalice	Jean Somerville	Gill Beardmore	Morning Service	Jean Somerville
Sidesperson	Harold Thompson	Rachel Horder	Pam Broadhead	Jan Wall
Reader	Bob Somerville	Gillian Weigel	Charles Broadhead	Margaret Jones
Prayers	Vicar	Keith Beardmore	Keith Beardmore	Vicar

4.00pm Afternoon Service Sunday Teatime

This afternoon Revd Canon Sarah Brown leads our worship.

AFTERNOON SERVICES. All commence at 4.00pm

Today	02 April	09 April	16 April
Sunday Teatime	Family Communion	Evensong BCP	Family Communion
<i>A meeting of Christians of all ages around the tea table. Tea and cake accompany informal discussion, games and storytelling to link faith with everyday life. Worship a different way.</i>	<i>A slightly shorter communion service with lively message and delivery for all ages.</i>	<i>For those who crave the traditional language and peace of the Book of Common Prayer.</i>	<i>A slightly shorter communion service with lively message and delivery for all ages.</i>

First Reading **1 Samuel 1. 20-end**

In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the Lord.' The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the Lord, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.' Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only—may the Lord establish his word.' So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, 'Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the Lord. For this child I prayed; and the Lord has granted me the petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he lives, he is given to the Lord.' She left him there for the Lord.

Gospel Reading **Luke 2. 33-35**

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

	<p style="text-align: center;">Easter Services at St Martin's Church</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Palm Sunday Service 09 April at 11am</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Last Hour on Good Friday 14 April at 2-3pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Easter Day Sunday 16 April at 11am Communion</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>All are welcome</i></p>
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REVD. SARAH WRITES

Today is Mothering Sunday, traditionally bound up with girls working in service away from home returning to their Mother Church before Easter and also to their home and their mother, often bearing a small gift or posy of flowers. It can be a day of great pleasure in remembering human love and those who have cared for us when we were young and others. It can also be a day of pain for those whose experience of mothers was far from ideal or who have lost those dear to them and find the anniversary and the hype painful and difficult. Today is for everyone who has had a mother, wonderful or terrible, for everyone who has lost their mum or still treasures her, and for everyone who is a mother and understands not just the love but also the sacrifice and pain that parenthood can entail. And wrapping all the messy complications of human love together we recall the love of God, which surpasses everything that we can conceive of and of which earthly love is a foreshadowing. Whether you celebrate or mourn, rejoice, resent or repent today may you know yourself to be fully loved by God. Every blessing. Sarah.

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