

Warm Welcome to
St Mary's Church, Ecclesfield
Following Jesus; Celebrating Life; Welcoming All

15th March 2026 – Mothering Sunday

10.00am Prayer and Praise

Leader: Chris Leach / Chris Harper
Preacher: John Leach

6.30pm Eucharist

Leader: Tim Gill
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Holy Communion – Thursday at 9.30am

As you prepare for worship today you might like to reflect on this prayer.

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. **Amen.**

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Readings: 1 Samuel 1: 9-28

Luke 2: 25-35

Hymns: 465, (Sheet: Ten Thousand Reasons), 334, (Sheet: Across the Land),
114, 140, 754**6.30pm Eucharist**

Readings: 2 Corinthians 1:3-7;

Luke 2:33-35.

Diary**March**

Monday	16th	2.30pm	Lent Course Session 4, St Marks Grenoside.
Tuesday	17th	10.00am	to 12.00pm Coffee Shop
		10.00am	to 12.00pm Garden Tidy
		4.00pm	Ecclesfield Charities Meeting.
		5.30pm	Ecclesfield Feoffees Meeting.
Wednesday	18th	9.00am	Coit Primary School In Church (St John's Chapelton).
		6.00pm	The Seeking Heart, Meditation & Contemplative Prayer for all.
		7.30pm	Lent Group session 4, St Mary's. Lent Course Session 4, St Mary's.
Thursday	19th	9.30am	Mid-week Communion
		10.30am	Visit to Nightingale Nursing Home.
Friday	20th	10.00am	to 12.00pm Coffee Shop
		10.00am	to 12.00pm Garden Tidy
Sunday	22nd		Fifth Sunday of Lent
		10.00am	Eucharist
		6.30pm	Evening Worship

General Notices**Mothers' Union**

M.U. will feature on BBC1 Songs of Praise this Mothering Sunday 15th March when the programme is broadcast from Liverpool Cathedral. The presenter will meet inspirational M.U. members whose faith motivates them to show Gods love and care to their community and Worldwide.

Easter Eggs

We shall be collecting Easter Eggs for the foodbank children.
Please do buy the smallest one.

To All Key Users

When leaving Church could you please make sure all the doors are locked and secured. Please check the New Doors before you leave. Thank you. Ann Hackett.

Readings for Next week 22nd March

10.00am Service – Romans 8: 6-11 John 11: 1-45

6.30pm Service – Lamentations 3: 19-33, Mathew 20: 17-end

Refreshments

There will be refreshments served after the Evening Service on the **last Sunday** of each month.

The Seeking Heart

Please Note the first Seeking Heart Session of 2026 will be on Wednesday 18th March 6.00pm in Church. For more information about this time of Contemplative Prayer & Meditation for all, see Tim. Meeting in St Mary's on the first and third Wednesday every month (6.00pm 1st Wednesday & 6.00pm 3rd Wednesday).

Prayer Requests

All prayer requests are welcome, but we ask that if you put a name on the list for prayer **Firstly** you have asked permission of the person for whom you are requesting prayer, **Secondly** that your initials are with the request and that where possible you keep us updated on progress. Due to the number of people needing prayer we are now having a weekly list and a monthly one. If you have requested prayer and the name seems to have been removed and they are still in need of prayer please ask for the name to be put back. Generally names will be on for four weeks but that can always be extended. Thank you for your understanding.

Annual General Meeting:

The APCM will be held on Sunday 26th April at 12 noon.

We will be electing Church wardens, PCC Members & Deanery Synod members.

If you are a regular member of St Mary's at any of the services (Sunday morning, Sunday evening or Thursday morning) please make sure that you are on the electoral roll - forms from Tim or Kay Thompson. Thanks, Tim.

Pastoral Care Groups at St Mary's.

"Bear one another's burdens and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ." (Galatians 6:2)
As part of our care for each other in St Mary's we are organising 'Pastoral Care Groups' for those who wish to take part. Each group will consist of 3 to 5 members of Church who will commit to 'looking out for each other' Specifically to notice when a member of the group is absent, to phone, check on them and then, with their permission, pass on any request for visit, Holy Communion etc to the Pastoral leadership of the Church. Being part of a group is voluntary, it is something that naturally happens at St Mary's, but we are aware that some people 'fall through the net.' The groups should ensure that this does not happen. For more information, please speak to Tim. Forms to opt in will be at the back of Church.

Pastoral Care

During these unusual times it is difficult to be always aware of any members of the congregation who are unwell or in need of prayer, so if you know of any such concern it would be helpful if you could let Tim or Stephanie know. Thank you.

Would you like to donate but don't carry cash? Not a problem

You can donate with your credit or debit card using our contactless giving device at the back of church. Alternatively, just scan this QR code using your mobile phone to donate.

Thank you for your generosity!

For further information speak to our Treasurer, Chris Harper



10.00am Third Sunday of Lent 15th March 2026 Year A

1 Samuel chapter 1

⁹ Once when they had finished eating and drinking in Shiloh, Hannah stood up. Now Eli the priest was sitting on his chair by the doorpost of the Lord's house. ¹⁰ In her deep anguish Hannah prayed to the Lord, weeping bitterly. ¹¹ And she made a vow, saying, 'Lord Almighty, if you will only look on your servant's misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the Lord for all the days of his life.

¹⁷ Eli answered, 'Go in peace, and may the God of Israel grant you what you have asked of him.' ¹⁸ She said, 'May your servant find favour in your eyes.' Then she went her way and ate something, and her face was no longer downcast.

²⁰ So in the course of time Hannah became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel, saying, 'Because I asked the Lord for him.'

²¹ When her husband Elkanah went up with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the Lord and to fulfil his vow, ²² Hannah did not go. She said to her husband, 'After the boy is weaned, I will take him and present him before the Lord, and he will live there always.'[\[a\]](#)

²³ 'Do what seems best to you,' her husband Elkanah told her. 'Stay here until you have weaned him; only may the Lord make good his word.' So the woman stayed at home and nursed her son until she had weaned him.

²⁴ After he was weaned, she took the boy with her, young as he was, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh. ²⁵ When the bull had been sacrificed, they brought the boy to Eli, ²⁶ and she said to him, 'Pardon me, my lord. As surely as you live, I am the woman who stood here beside you praying to the Lord. ²⁷ I prayed for this child, and the Lord has granted me what I asked of him. ²⁸ So now I give him to the Lord. For his whole life he shall be given over to the Lord.' And he worshipped the Lord there.

Luke 2: 25 - 35

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷ Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

²⁹ 'Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace.

³⁰ For my eyes have seen your salvation, ³¹ which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:

³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel.'

³³ The child's father and mother marvelled at what was said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: 'This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, ³⁵ so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

1. Now thank we all our God,
with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.
2. O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.
3. All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven,
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heav'n adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

Ten Thousand Reasons

Bless the Lord oh my soul
Oh my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before
Oh my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name

The sun comes up
 It's a new day dawning
 It's time to sing Your song again
 Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
 Let me be singing when the evening comes

Bless the Lord oh my soul...

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
 Your name is great and Your heart is kind
 For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing
 Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Bless the Lord oh my soul...

And on that day when my strength is failing
 The end draws near, and my time has come
 Still my soul will sing, Your praise unending
 Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Bless the Lord oh my soul...

1. Jesus, be the centre,
be my source, be my light,
Jesus.

2. Jesus, be the centre,
be my hope, be my song,
Jesus.

*Be the fire in my heart,
be the wind in these sails,
be the reason that I live,
Jesus, Jesus.*

3. Jesus, be my vision,
be my path, be my guide,
Jesus.

Across the Land

1. You're the Word of God the Father
From before the world began
Every star and every planet
Has been fashioned by Your hand
All creation holds together
By the power of Your voice
Let the skies declare Your glory
Let the land and seas rejoice

Chorus

*You're the author of creation
You're the Lord of every man
And Your cry of love rings out
Across the lands*

2. Yet You left the gaze of angels
Came to seek and save the lost
And exchanged the joy of heaven
For the anguish of the cross
With a prayer You fed the hungry
With a word You calmed the sea
Yet how silently You suffered
That the guilty may go free

Chorus

3. With a shout You rose victorious
Wresting vict'ry from the grave
And ascended into heaven
Leading captives in Your way
Now You stand before the Father
Interceding for Your own
From each tribe and tongue and nation
You are leading sinners home

*You're the author of creation
You're the Lord of every man
And Your cry of love rings out
Across the lands
You're the author of creation
You're the Lord of every man
And Your cry of love rings out
Across the lands*

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Come on and celebrate
his gift of love, we will celebrate
the Son of God who loved us
and gave us life.
We'll shout your praise, O King,
you give us joy nothing else can bring;
we'll give to you our offering
in celebration praise.

Come on and celebrate, celebrate,
celebrate and sing,
celebrate and sing to the King. (*Repeat*)

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Father God,
I wonder how I managed to exist
without the knowledge of your parenthood
and your loving care.
But now I am your child,
I am adopted in your family
and I can never be alone,
'cause, Father God, you're there beside me.
I will sing your praises,
I will sing your praises,
I will sing your praises,
for evermore.

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You shall go out with joy
and be led forth with peace,
and the mountains and the hills
shall break forth before you.
There'll be shouts of joy
and the trees of the field shall clap,
shall clap their hands.
And the trees of the field
shall clap their hands,
and the trees of the field
shall clap their hands,
and the trees of the field
shall clap their hands,
and you'll go out with joy.