

# Christ Church ERITH

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

***Mothering Sunday***

**10.00am Service of the Word (22)**

**PLEASE take this Pew Sheet home with you** after the service. However, please **do NOT take home the Order of Service book**. Please return it to the table at the back of church after the service.

## Today's Hymns

**Opening:**            **137** *For the beauty of the earth*

**Gradual:**            **296** *Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing*

**Offertory:**          **33** *Angel-voices ever singing*

**During distribution of flowers:**   **298** *Let there be love shared among us*

**Closing:**            **206** *He's got the whole world in his hand*

## The Collect

**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.**

## **Reading: 2 Corinthians 1.3-7**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

## **Gospel: 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.'

## **Notices**

**LENT COURSE: Every Thursday until 26 March, 7.30-9.00pm** at St John's (in church). We will be unpacking the creation story in Genesis 1 to better love God's creation. All are welcome.

**EASTER LILIES** are customarily paid for by donations from members of the church in remembrance of the loss of a loved person. I will be putting a collection plate by the Font for people to contribute over the next two weeks. I have already ordered the lilies. *Thank you, Heather.*

**MIDWEEK PRAYER SERVICES: Monday Morning Prayer** - at 9am online via Teams. Link is on [www.christchurcherith.org.uk](http://www.christchurcherith.org.uk) and Facebook, and can be shared. **Thursday Morning Prayer** – 9am at Christ Church. **Tuesday Evening Prayer** – 5pm at St John's.

**JUNIOR DISCIPLES CLUB** for ages 3.5 – 11 years, every Sunday except the first of each month, meet in the Church Hall 10-10.30am, and then join the service.

**ELEVATED YOUTH GROUP** for ages 12-18 years meet in the Church Hall 7-9pm on the **third and fourth Fridays** of each month.

**St JOHN'S SILVER BIRCH CLUB** continues on **Thursday 2 April, 12pm-2.30pm** at **St John's Community Hall**. Please take a leaflet at the back of church.

**TODDLER CHURCH** continues every **Tuesday at 9.00 – 10.30am** in the church hall. **MESSY CHURCH** continues on the third Friday of each month at 3.30 – 5.45pm in the church hall, next date **Friday, 20 March**.

**GAMES NIGHTS:** Come and join us for an evening of fun and games - all ages welcome. The next sessions are at **Christ Church Hall on Friday 27 March**, then at **St Johns Hall on Tuesday 14 April, both 7pm – 9pm**.

**LOVE TO SING:** Join us for fun, music and dancing on the third Thursday of each month. Next date is **19 March at 10.45am – 12.15pm in church (Christ Church)**. This event is in collaboration with *Memory Lane Melodies*, a *Home Instead* programme. Christ Church is collaborating with them in providing the space as part of our outreach.

**THE OFFERTORY and GIFT AID:** You can pay into the following account by bank transfer: **Account Name:** *Christ Church, Erith.* **Sort Code:** *40-20-25* **Account Number:** *01166395*.

*Or pay using the following online service:*

**<https://givealittle.co/campaigns/bbf2c400-846f-4c03-aa23-3dff9b5cca89>** We are also able to take contactless payments using our card machine at the back of church. There is also a collection of cash offertory during the service. If you are a UK taxpayer, please use a **Gift Aid envelope** for your donation, and fill in the details on the printed form on the envelope.

#### **HOLY WEEK & EASTER:**

**Palm Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> March:** Due to the start of BST (clocks go forward 1 hour that morning), there will be a **joint service at St John's, starting at 10.00am**. *There will be no Palm Sunday service at Christ Church;*

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March to Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April** - 8pm Compline (Night Prayer) at St John's;

**Maundy Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April** – Joint Service 7:30pm at St John's;

**Good Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April** – 10am Christ Church, 2pm St John's;

**Easter Day, 5<sup>th</sup> April** – 9am Christ Church, 11am St John's.

**MEN'S GROUP** will be tidying up the church grounds this **Saturday, 21 March** from **9.00am**. Volunteers to help will be most welcome.

**OUR DAILY BREAD** is a booklet containing readings, thoughts and prayers for the present period. Copies of the latest edition are available free of charge at the back of church.

**TODAY'S Old Testament Lectionary reading** is Exodus 2.1-10.

**COMMUNITY PRAYERS:** This week we pray especially for the residents of **Compton Place** and **Coniston Close**.

## Next Week

**Readings for the Parish Communion at 10.00am on Sunday 22 March:**

Ezekiel 37.1-14

*Gospel:* John 11.1-45

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