



10<sup>th</sup> March 2024  
Mothering Sunday

St James' Church  
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**Notices**

**Annual Meetings: Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March**

Nomination forms for PCC members and churchwardens are available at the back of the church.

**Decorating for Easter**

This activity is open to all on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March between 10.00 am and 12.00 noon. Donations of flowers and greenery on the day, or cash any time, would be very welcome. For more information, please speak to Pat Snell or Liz Holland.

**This Week**

Morning Prayer is said at 8.30 am  
Online: Mon, Wed  
In the church: Tue, Thu, Fri

**Mon 11<sup>th</sup> March** John 4: 43 – 54  
11.00 am Holy Communion, Kingsgate  
6.00 pm Beavers visit to the church  
7.00 pm Choir practice

**Tue 12<sup>th</sup> March** John 5: 1 – 3 & 5 – 16  
6.00 pm Stations of the Cross

**Wed 13<sup>th</sup> March** John 5: 17 – 30  
12.00 noon Holy Communion

**Thu 14<sup>th</sup> March** John 5: 31 – 47

**Fri 15<sup>th</sup> March** John 7: 1 – 2, 10 & 25 – 30  
2.00 pm Craft group

**Sat 16<sup>th</sup> March** John 7: 40 – 52

**Next Sunday: 17<sup>th</sup> March**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

John 12: 20 – 33  
8.00 am Holy Communion  
10.00 am Parish Eucharist  
12.00 noon Annual church meetings  
6.00 pm Evening Worship



10.00 am Music

<b>Entrance hymn</b>	<b>728</b>	<b>When Morning Gilds the Skies</b>
<b>Offertory hymn</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>Jesus, Good Above All Other</b>
<b>Recessional hymn</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>Love Divine, All Loves Excelling</b>

Sharing God's love through worship, fellowship and service

## 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.***

## First Reading: Exodus 2: 1-10

A man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

## Second Reading: Colossians 3: 12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

## Gospel Reading: John 19: 25b-27

Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

## Post-Communion Prayer

***Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.***

