

*Welcome to St Matthew's  
Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2018  
The Fourth Sunday of Lent  
Mothering Sunday*

**Today's Hymns:**

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- 508 This is the day  
206 He's got the whole world  
313 Lord of all hopefulness  
21 All things bright and beautiful

**This week's services and events:**

***Today:***

- 8am Holy Communion  
10am Eucharist for Mothering Sunday

***Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March:***

- 9:45am Ecumenical Prayers at All Saints  
7:30pm Lent Course

***Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March:***

- 10am Midweek Eucharist  
12noon Lent Lunch in Hall  
7:30pm PCC meeting in Hall

***Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March:***

- 9am Morning Prayer

***Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March:***

- 10:30am Coffee morning in Choir Vestry

***Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March -***

***The Fifth Sunday of Lent:***

- 8am Holy Communion  
10am Worship @ 10 Eucharist

**For prayer:**

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- David and Amy Roche working with CMS in the Lebanon
- Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe - illegally held in Iran

**Forthcoming Baptisms:**

- 12<sup>th</sup> May - Edward Isaac (parents Ian & Jenny)
- 27<sup>th</sup> May - Lillie Mai Sharon (parents Thomas & Shannon)

### **Today's Collect:**

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

### **Today's Reading:**

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#### **Luke 2: 33-35**

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. <sup>34</sup>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 <sup>35</sup>so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

### **Post Communion Prayer:**

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Lord,  
we have broken your bread  
and received your life.  
By the power of your Spirit  
keep us always in your love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **Next Sunday's Reading:**

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John 12: 20-33

### **Notices:**

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The recent **Women's World Day of Prayer** raised £88 - the money will go towards the projects supported by the World Day of Prayer organisation.

**New Communion Setting:** there will be a practice straight after the service today, for those who would like, to start to learn the new setting by Patrick Appleford.

### **Notices (continued):**

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**Lent Course:** this will be an ecumenical one as before hosted at different churches. All on Tuesdays at 7:30pm:

Venue	Date
Martin Luther	13 <sup>th</sup> March
All Saints	20 <sup>th</sup> March

The course material for our next session is available at the back of Church. Copies will be available at the sessions too.

**Lent Lunches:** These are on Wednesday's in St Matthew's Hall from 12noon. Tickets are available today from Rita Downie at £3 each.

**Easter flowers appeal:** Anybody willing to make a donation towards the cost of church flowers for Easter, please give any monies to Jeannette. Thank you.

Our **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** (APCM) will be on Sunday April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12noon, followed by a bring and share lunch. In preparation for this the Electoral Roll will be displayed at the back of church from Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March to Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2018 for revision. Please would you check that your details are correct.

### **Plant and Ploughman's:**

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2018

It is time to start planting seeds and planning for our plant sale and ploughman's lunch in May which has been brought forward this year. Any spare cuttings, annuals, perennial plants, trees, indoor plants, plant pots, garden tools, bags of spare compost, plant food etc. will be very welcome. A good time to clear out the garden shed and greenhouse!