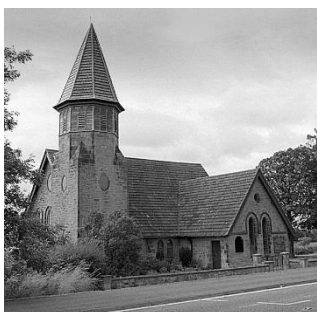


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St George's Diary Dates for March

Sun 1st	10.30am	Morning Worship with Communion
Wed 4th	12.30pm 6.30pm	WOW Midweek Service CT Prayer Meeting
Thurs 5th	2.00pm	Lent Course
Fri 6th	1.30pm	World Day of Prayer Service at St James
Sat 7th	10.00am	Coffee Morning for Ukrainian Friends
Sun 8th	10.30am	Morning Worship
Wed 11th	12.30pm 7.00pm	WOW Midweek Service Conversations About
Thurs 12th	2.00pm	Lent Course
Sat 14th	7.30pm	Country Dance Club
Sun 15th	10.30am	Morning Worship for Mothering Sunday Stage up NO BADMINTON (Date tbc)
Wed 18th	12.30pm 6.30pm	WOW Midweek Service CT Prayer Meeting
Thurs 19th	2.00pm	Lent Course
Sat 21st	10.00am	<b>Morpeth Book Fair</b> in Church & other rooms Until 9.00pm
Sun 22nd	10.30am 12.30pm	Moring Worship <b>Morpeth Book Fair</b> in Church & other rooms Until 7.00pm
Wed 25th	12.30pm 7.00pm	WOW Midweek Service Conversations About
Thurs 26th	2.00pm	Lent Course Concludes
Thurs 26th		Community Players Spring Production Also Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> & Sat 28th
Sun 29th	10.30am 6.30pm	<b>Palm Sunday.</b> Morning Worship with Orchestra. Evening Service
Tues 31st		Badminton & other Activities in Hall Commence Date TBC

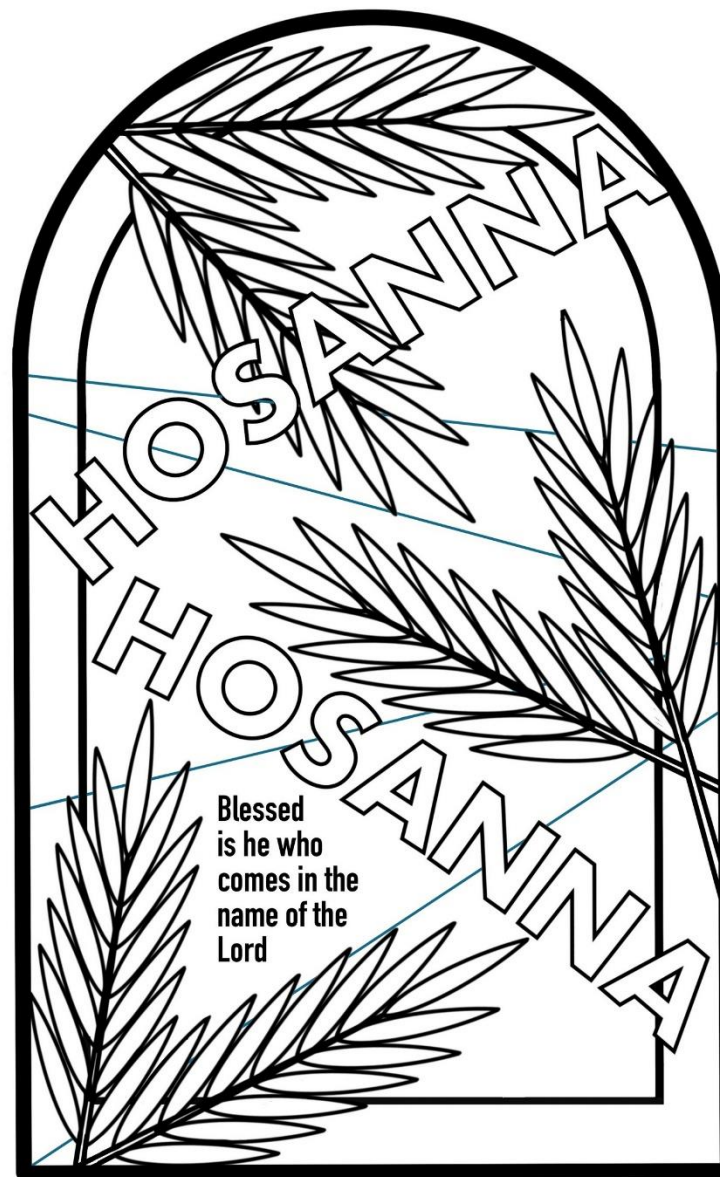
**Worship on Wednesdays – doors open at noon for coffee**  
**Lent courses – 2.00pm -3.00pm.**

**Stewards & Flower Rotas on page 15**

**WHAT'S ON AT ST GEORGE'S  
SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP & JUNIOR CHURCH 10.30 am**

<b>_MON</b>	Age UK Exercise: 9.00-12.00 noon Ronka Gbadebo	07952381160
	Age UK Exercise: 3.00 – 4.00pm As above	
<b>TUES</b>	Morning Badminton 10.00am – 12 noon Allen Oakes allen@oakesa.co.uk	
	Rainbows, 5.00pm Liz Kelly 783434 Mobile 07714481089 liz.kelly@jcpce.com	
	Brownies: 6.00pm Susan Fairgrieve. s.fairgrieve21@gmail	
	Guides and Rangers: from 7.00pm Liz Kelly Mobile 07714481089 783434 liz.kelly@jcpce.com	
	Cobweb Orchestra 7.30 – 9.30pm At St Georges Contact: Christine Oakes 518608 or Penny Oxley 514612	
<b>WED</b>	Morning Badminton: 9.30am Sarah Cleverley	515257
	Knitter, Natter Group 2.00 – 4.00pm Joan Cooper	515682
	Afternoon Bowls 2.00pm Andrew Cleverley	515257
	Zumba: 6.00pm High Intensity with Lisa O on 07507 179 692 or <b>zumbawithlisao@hotmail.com</b>	
<b>THURS</b>	Morning Badminton: 10.00-12.00 Allen Oakes allen@oakesa.co.uk	
	Zumba: 5.45pm. Low Intensity with Lisa O on 07507 179 692 or email <b>zumbawithlisao@hotmail.com</b>	
<b>SAT</b>	Table Tennis: 10.00 – 12.00 Christine Richardson Country Dance Club: (Varies from month to month) Contact: Shirley Forster	513913
<b>SUN</b>	Orchestra: Norm. 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday (not August) Christine Oakes	518608

Coffee Mornings with our Ukrainian friends take place on the first Saturday of each month so that they can meet with us and also catch up with each other and iron out any small problems.



## From the Vicar (extracted from Parish Pump)

*'Whoever wants to be My disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow Me.'* (Luke 9: 23)

These words of Jesus are spoken at a turning point in the gospel. Jesus challenged the disciples about His identity and their commitment to Him: 'who do the crowds say I am?' (Luke 9:18). It is at this point that He 'resolutely set out for Jerusalem' (9:51). On our journey through Lent, as we look to the events of Good Friday and Easter, what are our priorities as Jesus' disciples

To deny ourselves: this means to saying No to ourselves and Yes to God, as we humbly submit our will to His. Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane 'not My will but Yours be done.' (Luke 22:42). It means putting Jesus first in everything: our work, family, ambitions, possessions, marriage, finance and future. We will not be guided by self-interest, but by allowing God to show us how to live in His way.

To take up our cross: this reminds us that the disciple is not immune from suffering, as we follow Jesus along the way of the cross. Just as He carried His cross to Golgotha, we cannot avoid experiencing suffering in a fallen world. Every day we are to live in way that demonstrates to everyone that we have died to ourselves, our selfish ways and ambitions, and seek to live for God. It means breaking old selfish habits and ways of thinking, as we allow God to renew us by His Spirit.

In all of this we cannot lose, because like Jesus, it is only through death that we find God's new life. 'He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain that which he cannot lose.' (Jim Elliot).



## A Date for your Diary



**I will give you rest,  
come!**

**WORLD DAY OF  
PRAYER  
SERVICE 2026**

**Nigeria**

**March 6th 1.30**

**St James  
Morpeth  
service**

**refreshments**

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We are very sad to announce the passing of Jean Elliot. Jean was a member of St George's Church for many, many years. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her family at this very sad time.

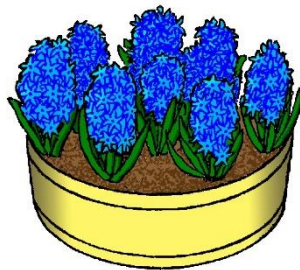
I am always looking forward to receiving new ideas for inclusion in the newsletter. Someone has suggested to me that anyone could send me a piece about a charity that they support or follow. I am sure that there are details that we know nothing about and would find interesting. So why not, the invitation is here! **Stephanie**

### Mugs Wanted!


In 2008 a very successful Flower Festival, Through All the Changing Scenes of Life, was held in the church. To commemorate the event mugs were made and a number of these were purchased for the church. These are the mugs which are used when refreshments are served in church. Over the years there has been a loss of some of these due to breakages.

Do you have a "Through All the Changing Scenes of Life" mug at home which you are not using? Would you be willing to donate it to church? If so, please leave the mug in the vestry kitchen or give it to me.

Thanks. **Sarah Cleverley**



**MORPETH BOOK FESTIVAL** **WEEKEND OF WORDS** **ZONIC HOLDINGS LTD**



**Saturday 21st March 2026**  
**AT ST GEORGE'S URC**

**10am** Hugh Mitford Raymond - 1000 years of the Mitford family dynasty

**11.30am** TV presenter and author Steph McGovern in conversation with Mari Hannah

**1pm** B A Paris, Trevor Wood & Guy Morpuss - Three crime writers Q & A session

**3pm** Broadcaster and author Sally Magnusson talks with Edward Bindloss

**4.30pm** Multi-million book-selling thriller writer T M Logan

**6pm** The Army's former top medic turned poet Tim Hodgetts

**AT THE CHANTRY**

**11am** Bridgett Gubbins - My Mother and The Curate

**3pm** Alan Wilkinson discusses his latest novel A Sandhills Legacy

**WORKSHOP AT MORPETH LIBRARY**

**2pm** Elaine Cussak and Hannah Hoare - Talking Business with Writers

**Sunday 22nd March 2026**  
**AT ST GEORGE'S URC**

**1pm** Former Labour Cabinet Minister Alan Johnson presents his biography of PM Harold Wilson

**2.30pm** Scottish literary legend Alistair Moffat on his latest book The North Sea


**4pm** Ex-MP Chris Mullin on his campaign book Error of Judgement: The Birmingham Bombings and The Scandal that Shook Britain

**THURSDAY 19TH MARCH**  
**PRE-FESTIVAL WEEKEND EVENT**  
**AT MORPETH RUGBY CLUB**

**7.30pm** Ex-Newcastle United player Paul Ferris and his 18 years at the Toon

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**St Georges Church hall (lift) NE61 1PD**

## **Morpeth Country Dance Club**

**Band 6-30**  
**FEB 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**Saturday**  
**Dancers 7-30**  
**& March 14<sup>th</sup> & April 18<sup>th</sup>**



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There is an old Jewish saying: *God could not be everywhere, and therefore He made mothers.*



Mother Church, Mother Earth, Mother of the Gods – our human mothers – all of them have been part of the celebration of 'Mothering Sunday' – as the fourth Sunday in Lent is affectionately known. It has been celebrated in the UK since at least the 16<sup>th</sup> century.

In Roman times, great festivals were held every Spring to honour Cybele, Mother of all the Gods. Other pagan festivals in honour of Mother Earth were also celebrated. With the arrival of Christianity, the festival became one honouring Mother Church.

During the Middle Ages, young people apprenticed to craftsmen or working as 'live-in' servants were allowed only one holiday a year on which to visit their families – which is how 'Mothering Sunday' got its name. This special day became a day of family rejoicing, and the Lenten fast was broken. In some places the day was called Simnel Day, because of the sweet cakes called simnel cakes traditionally eaten on that day.

In recent years the holiday has changed and in many ways now resembles the American Mother's Day, with families going out to Sunday lunch and generally making a fuss of their mother on the day.

### How God works...A

grandmother was taking her young grandson for a walk in the park. The daffodils were in bloom, and it was a beautiful Spring day.

Wanting to encourage her grandson's spiritual understanding of the world, she said: "Doesn't it look like an artist painted this scenery? Did you know God did all this?" Her grandson

replied: "Oh yes, and God did it left-handed, too." In astonishment, the grandmother asked what he meant.

"Well, He must have done," said her grandson, "because we learned at church last week that Jesus sits on God's right hand."

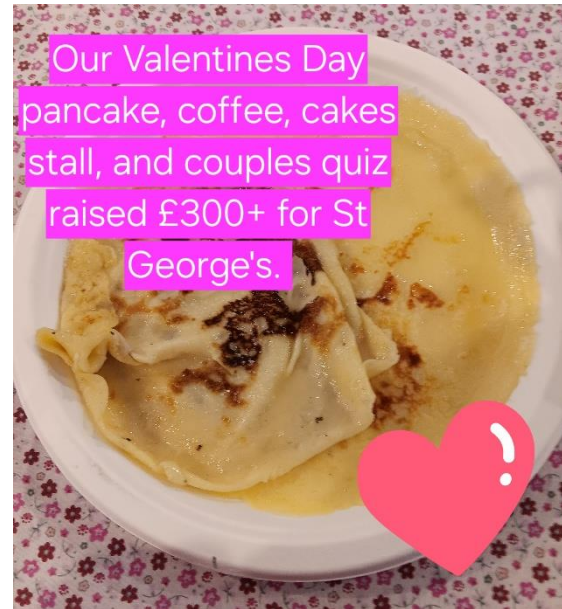


*One of my churchwardens is a stickler for 'Health and Safety'...*

### How many church members does it take to change a light bulb? What

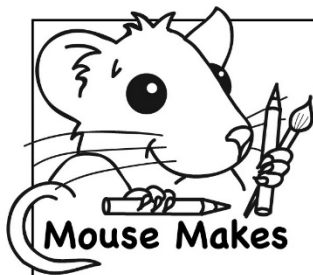
do you mean CHANGE??? That light bulb was given in memory of my grandmother! My father installed it with his bare hands! He donated his time AND the use of his ladder to do it, too! My family's been members of this church for four generations! And if you think you're going to come in here and make a bunch of changes all of a sudden, vicar, you've got another think coming!

**Politicians welcome...**At the pearly gates, St Peter greeted a church minister and member of Parliament and gave them their room keys. "Vicar, here are the keys to one of our nice single rooms. And for you, Mr MP, the keys to our finest penthouse suite." "This is unfair!" cried the minister. "Listen," St Peter said, "ministers are a ten a penny up here, but this is the first MP we've ever seen."




More images can be viewed on the online version of the newsletter and our website.






**Mouse Makes**


The Bible has many stories of mothers who had great faith in God. With their love, care, encouragement and prayers their children grew up to be great people of God.



Who saved her baby by putting him in a basket in the river?  
*Exodus 2:1-3 and 6:20*



Who was 90 years old when she had her son Isaac?  
*Genesis 17:19*




**Across**

3. **Obed's** mother  
*Matthew 1:5*
4. **John's** mother  
*Luke 1:57-60*
7. **Reuben's** mother  
*Genesis 29:32*
8. **Joseph's** mother  
*Genesis 30:22-24*
9. **Jesus'** mother  
*Acts 1:14*


**Down**

1. **Boaz's** mother  
*Matthew 1:5*
2. **Solomon's** mother  
*1 Kings 1:11*
4. **Timothy's** mother  
*2 Timothy 1:5*
5. **Ishmael's** mother  
*Genesis 16:15*
6. **Jacob and Esau's** mother  
*Genesis 25:21-26*


Who had two sons called Cain and Abel?  
*Genesis 4:1-2*



Whose prayers for a child were answered by God?  
*1 Samuel 1:20*



Who saved her baby by putting him in a basket in the river?  
*Exodus 2:1-3 and 6:20*



Answer the questions then put them into the crossword

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**Sudoku for March** Solution on page16

### How high?!

Winging his way to America from Ireland, Father O'Leary asked a stewardess, "How high is this plane, Miss?" The stewardess replied, "About 32,000 feet, Father." The priest's jaw dropped in amazement. "Who'd have believed it? And could you tell me how wide it is?"

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### Present...

For the elderly minister's 75<sup>th</sup> birthday, the congregation at St Mary's decided to give him a present of a new suit. He was so moved by the gift that the following Sunday he stood before everyone and began his homily with a tear in his eye, saying: 'Today I am preaching to you in my birthday suit.'

### Sent away...

An irritated mother complained to her friend: "When I was a kid, my parents sent me to my room without supper if I misbehaved. But my son has his own TV, smartphone and computer in his room!" "So how do you handle it?" her friend asked. "I send him to MY room!"

## Wordsearch for March

### Love and serve one another

On Maundy Thursday we recall the final command that Jesus gave to his disciples before his death. After the Last Supper, He rose and washed his disciples' feet. This was astonishing for a 'teacher' to do, but He had a firm purpose in mind: "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." His disciples were to love through service, not domination, of one another.

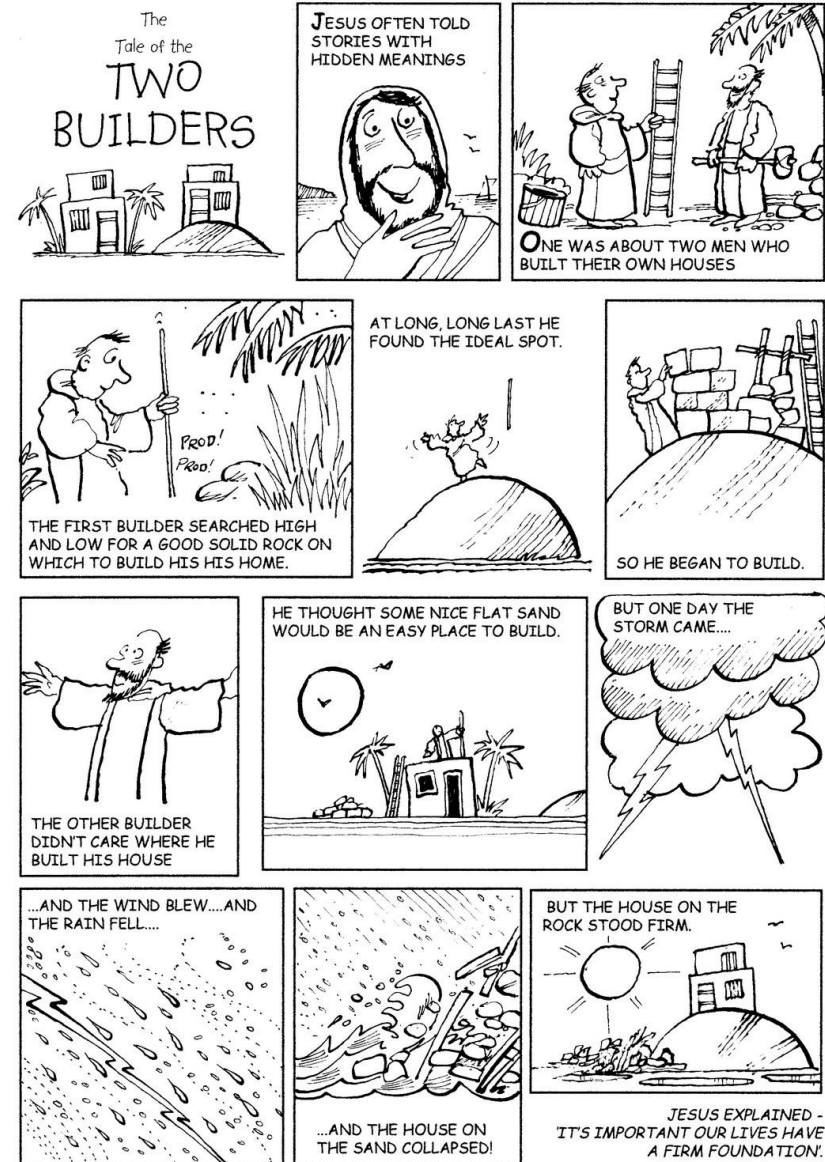
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In Latin, the opening phrase of this sentence is 'mandatum novum do vobis'. The word 'mundy' is thus a corruption of the Latin 'mandatum' (or command). The 'washing of the feet' ceremony was an important part of the medieval church's liturgy, symbolising the humility of the clergy, in obedience to the example of Christ.

Maundy Thursday Final Command Jesus Disciples Death Last Supper Washed Feet Astonishing Purpose Teacher As Loved you Must One Another Service Domination Latin Ceremony Medieval Humility Obedience. *Solution on page 16*

### Naughty mummy...

A mother asked her young son, as they waited for the bus, to tell the driver he was five years old, because then he would ride for free. As they got into the bus the driver asked him how old he was. "I am five years old," said the little boy proudly. The driver had a son of his own that age, and so he smiled. "And when will you be six years old?" he asked. "When I get off the bus," answered the boy.



## Crossword for March

**Across:** **1** Arouse (Song of Songs 2:7) (6) **4** Extinguish (Isaiah 1:31) (6)

**8** "They — —," you will say, "but I'm not hurt!" (Proverbs 23:35) (3,2)

**9** Unhappiness (Nehemiah 2:2) (7)

**10** Jewish (7) **11** Dirge (anag.) (5)

**12** 'A truthful witness gives honest —, but a false witness tells lies' (Proverbs 12:17) (9)

**17** Paul quoted from the second one in his address in the synagogue at Pisidian Antioch (Acts 13:33) (5)

**19** 'Do not use your freedom to — the sinful nature' (Galatians 5:13) (7)

**21** 'As you can see, he has done nothing to — death' (Luke 23:15) (7)

**22** Name applied by Isaiah to Jerusalem (Isaiah 29:1) (5)

**23** 'All the people — — one man, saying, "None of us will go home"' (Judges 20:8) (4,2) **24** Lazarus, who was carried by angels to Abraham's side when he died, was one (Luke 16:20) (6).

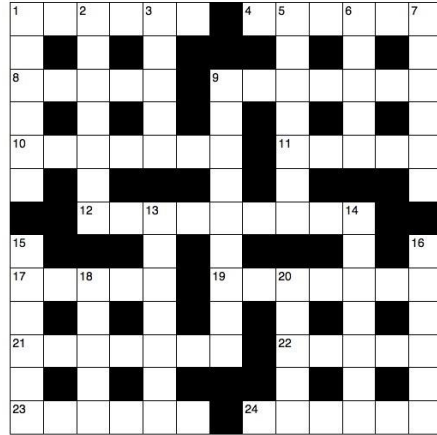
**Down:** **1** Appalled (Job 26:11) (6) **2** 'In an — to escape from the ship, the sailors let the lifeboat down into the sea' (Acts 27:30) (7)

**3** Expel (Acts 18:16) (5) **5** 'But I have a baptism to —, and how distressed I am until it is completed!' (Luke 12:50) (7) **6** 'Of the increase of his government and peace there will be — —' (Isaiah 9:7) (2,3)

**7** Hurry (Psalm 119:60) (6) **9** 'For I desire mercy, not —, and acknowledgement of God rather than burnt offerings' (Hosea 6:6) (9)

**13** One of its towns was Sychar, where Jesus met a woman at Jacob's well (John 4:5) (7) **14** Shouting (Acts 7:57) (7) **15** Arachnid (Isaiah 59:5) (6)

**16** One of Paul's first converts in Philippi was Lydia, a — in purple cloth (Acts 16:14) (6) **18** Donkeys (5) **20** Raked (anag.) (5). *Solution on page 16*



**Cleaned out,,,** "Just cleared out some space in the freezer" sounds so much more productive than "I just polished off another pint of ice cream."

**Fair warning...** Instead of a sign that says: 'Do Not Disturb', I need one that says: 'Already Disturbed, Proceed with Caution'

## Stewards Duties for March

<b>1</b>	Christine Oakes & Linda Glascott
<b>8</b>	Gordon Slack & Susan Sanderson
<b>15</b>	Ken & Sally Davidson
<b>22</b>	Madeline Cleverley & Karen Howe
<b>29</b>	Christine Hawkins & Gillian Irvine

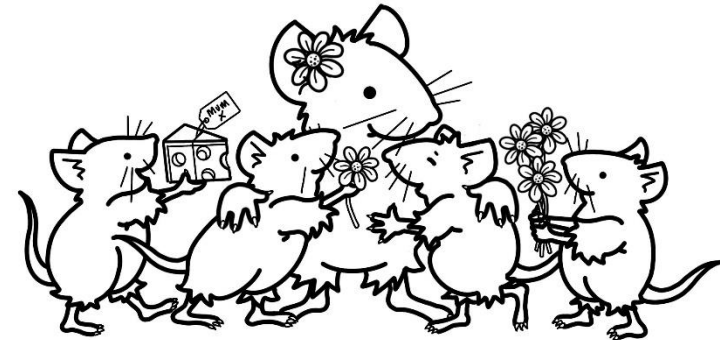
## Flower Rota for March

<b>1</b>	Maureen Sutherland
<b>8</b>	Vivien Bennett
<b>15</b>	Margaret Miller
<b>22</b>	
<b>29</b>	Dorothy Luke
<b>Rep</b>	Margaret Finnie 514186

## Dates for your Diaries,,,

**May 23<sup>rd</sup> – All Stars Entertain**

**July 4<sup>th</sup> – Strawberry Event**

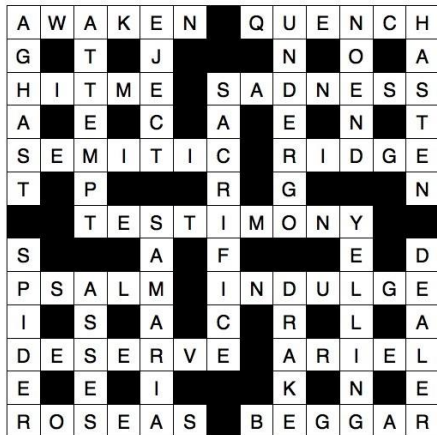


1<sup>st</sup> March 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent  
 8<sup>th</sup> March 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent  
 15<sup>th</sup> March 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent – Mothering Sunday  
 22<sup>nd</sup> March 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent – Passiontide begins  
 29<sup>th</sup> March Palm Sunday  
 5<sup>th</sup> April Easter

**Solutions**



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7	4	1	9	6	2	3	5	8



**On the road...**A teenager was always asking his parents if he could borrow the family car. Pushed to the limit one day, the father demanded of his son why he thought 'The Almighty' had given him two feet. Without hesitation, the son replied: "That's easy, one for the clutch and one for the accelerator."



**Well done and thank you to all who helped in any way to make this lovely coffee morning such a success!**













*Just the one! Honest!*

## Great Bavington United Reformed Church

*Here is the news from Great Bavington*

### **Services**

Sunday 1 March, 2.30pm, led by Rev Julian Sanders

Sunday 15 March, 2.30pm, led by Rev Julian Sanders

(NOTE: the dates in the Feb/March Chimes are incorrect)

(From April to October, services will be at 6.30pm on the first and third Sundays of each month.)

### **Film Night**

Monday 9 March. 7.00pm for 7.15pm start.

Coda (12): When the family's fishing business is threatened, Ruby finds herself torn between pursuing her musical passion and her fear of abandoning her deaf parents.

Refreshments provided. Donations welcome towards expenses.

### **History Night**

Tuesday 31 March, 7.00pm (not 24 March – it's usually on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, but this month it will be on the 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday)

An informal evening of local history discussion. Do bring along any local history material of interest.

### **The church is open**

The church is open during the daytime for visitors and walkers.

### **Keep in touch**

Please see [www.facebook.com/GreatBavingtonURC](https://www.facebook.com/GreatBavingtonURC) for updates on services, events, etc, or email [bavingtonchurch@gmail.com](mailto:bavingtonchurch@gmail.com), or phone 01830 540350.

*Nicola Bell*

## Widdrington United Reformed Church

### PRAYING TOGETHER

If you would like to add any topics to next month's prayers, please let me know.

During March, please continue to pray for:

All war zones - especially those that have dropped out of the news yet still continue.

Peace negotiations, and that any peace agreements will hold.

Refugees

Those suffering religious or ethnic persecution

Victims of genocide

Minneapolis

Victims of natural disasters

The work of relief agencies.

Health workers and workers in essential industries and services

The sick, both with physical and mental problems, and the recently bereaved

Those in financial difficulties, and fuel poverty

The homeless

"Prayer, the Church's banquet, Angels age,  
God's breath in man, returning to his birth,  
The soul in paradise, heart in pilgrimage,  
The Christian plummet, sounding heav'n and earth" (George Herbert)

Seven days without prayer makes one weak

### WIDDRINGTON CHURCH NEWS

I'd like to invite everybody to contribute information that they think might be of interest. Just give me the details in writing either on a piece of paper or by email to [elliemist@gmail.com](mailto:elliemist@gmail.com) and I'll do the rest. (I'd still welcome articles though). The Copy Date for each magazine is the second last Sunday of the month before the next issue. If you miss the deadline your contribution may have to be held over to the next issue.

Flowers: Flowers for March by Fiona and for April by Kathleen. Donations, either of cash or flowers/greenery always welcome. Details of Easter flowers will be announced in Church later in March (Easter is the first Sunday in April). We will be looking for donations of spring flowers, and greening branches from your gardens, or cash. If you would like to help arrange you'll also be most welcome.

Easy Fund Raising (Easy?) Do you shop online? Have you joined Easy Fund Raising yet? The chances are that your vendor will be part of Easy Fund Raising. Amazon and John Lewis are, for instance. This means that if you register for Easy Fund Raising at [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) and select Widdrington United Reformed Church as your Good Cause 1 or 2 % of the purchase price of your item will come to us at no extra cost to yourself. This can range from a penny for a Kindle 99p short to several pounds for a major purchase. Please talk to Fiona about it soon (though you can easily register with no help from me, as all our members have discovered). We have raised over £800. We get a payout each quarter provided at least £15.00 has been raised. Latest payment in February was £95.47! (I'm not quite sure how!). Thank you for spending!

Fund raising: We have had no special efforts since Christmas.

Do you have an idea for fund raising? Whether a social event, or something else, please speak to the Elders about it.

Worship:

Preachers for March, along with duty rotas are in the table below.

You are invited to join us for coffee/tea and biscuits (sometimes cake!) after the service.

Social:

Remember, if you have a good idea for a social event which you think people will enjoy, please suggest it to the Elders (or organise it yourself!)

Regular events:

1st Wednesday: Coffee Club meets on the 1st Wednesday in the month at various coffee shops in the area, or in the Sunday School Room. March meeting will have been announced (I have no information at time of going to press), but please note that the April meeting (on April 1st) will be in the Sunday School Room at 10.00am to be followed by the Church AGM at 11.00am.

(Do you know a good local coffee shop which could cope with a sudden Influx of 12+ people and has easy access for our less mobile members? Please tell Ena Whinham about it.)

Prayer Group: 1st Friday at 10.30am. We gather at Cook's Hemmel, Causey Park. You are welcome to join us, or tell us any of your concerns for prayer. (If you are interested in joining us, please speak to one of the Elders, as we occasionally alter the date without notice)

Open Church: Open Church will continue, on Wednesday mornings from 10.30am. Please join us for fellowship and refreshments, and the opportunity for quiet reflection in the church. Enquiries to the above email address. Any cancellation will be communicated to the WhatsApp group.

Please note that there will be NO Open Church on the 1st Wednesday of the month. Apologies to anyone affected.

Facebook: If you are on Facebook, have you checked out our Facebook page yet? Search for Widdrington United Reformed Church. Please like us and tell me if you think I've missed anything that should be on. The page now has 186 likes, with another 8 people 'following'! Any information we have about service arrangements and social events will be published there. Please note: Sean, our sheep, has his own Facebook page! Search for 'Sean'. Sean now has 24 (+2 following!) page 'likes' but he wants some more, so please tell your friends about him!

The website is at: [www.widdringtonurc.org](http://www.widdringtonurc.org)

I'd appreciate some help to improve it, as it's very wordy at the moment, partly because I'm happiest with words. I'm still looking for volunteers to be additional site editors. Someone with hardware that can post pictures would be good.

WhatsApp: A WhatsApp group has been set up. To join please give one of the Elders your mobile number, and accept your invitation. Please note: as I have now joined the group, information from me will increasingly appear there!

## Churches Together in Widdrington and Ulgham

The Lent Course will continue for the first three weeks of March at 2pm at ATAC - not our church as previously stated. The theme will be the Passion Narrative from each of the four Gospels.

The Community Choir continues to meet. From January 15th we have started meeting twice a month in our church.

World Day of Prayer service is on Friday, 6th March at 2.00pm at the URC

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### March Rota

Sunday	Preacher	Vestry	Door/Offering
1	Worship Team	Diana Hogg	Fiona Middlemist Ruth Gordon
8	Revd Julian Sanders	Fiona Middlemist	Elizabeth Barber Susan Hampton
15	Revd Paul Golightly	Kathleen Bailey	Diana Hogg Diane Cooke
22	Revd Julian Sanders	Diana Hogg	Kathleen Bailey Audrey Grieves
29	Worship Team	Fiona Middlemist	Elizabeth Barber Susan Hampton