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THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

SUNDAY 15th March
Mothering Sunday

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TODAY'S SERVICES **8AM:** Said Eucharist (Rev David Lindsay) at Church **10AM:** Sung Eucharist (Rev Sandra) at Church followed by refreshments in the Church hall **HYMNS:** 222 (i) BBC, 39 BBC, 188 BBC, 238 (i) BBC **11:30AM:** Lent Course in the Choir Vestry	**Gospel Acclamation** Glory and Praise to you, O Christ. Unless the Lord builds the house all efforts are in vain. Glory and Praise to you, O Christ.
Motet: The Lord Bless you – *John Rutter* (OBFA)	**Voluntary**: Nun Danket alle Gott – *Sigrid Karg-Elert*
Birthdays: Priscilla Barlow and Robert Vann	**Retiring Collection:** The Bishop's Lent Appeal
THIS WEEK'S DIARY	
Monday 16th March	**Tuesday 17th March** *(Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland, c.460)* **2PM:** Knit & Natter Group in the Church hall **7:30PM:** PCC meeting at Church
Wednesday 18h March *(Joseph of Nazareth – Transferred)* **10AM:** Said Eucharist (Rev Sandra) at Church followed by refreshments in the Church hall **10:45AM:** Lent Course in the Choir Vestry **12PM:** Lent Lunch in the Church hall	**Thursday 19th March** **9:30AM:** St George's Market in the Church hall
Friday 20th March *(Cuthbert, Bishop of Lindisfarne, 687)*	**Saturday 21st March** *(Thomas Cranmer,Reformation Martyr, 1556)*
Next Sunday (Passion Sunday) **8AM:** Said Eucharist (TBC) at Church **10AM:** Sung Eucharist (TBC) at Church followed by refreshments in the Church hall **11:30AM:** Lent Course in the Choir Vestry **12PM:** Baptism of Peyton Keely Walton at Church	**Readings Next Week** Ezekiel 37.1-14 Psalm 130 Romans 8.6-11 John 11.1-45

Today we read the Banns of Marriage for Stuart Orr and Zoe Marshall, and for Antony Shepherd and Maureen Peters.

We are endeavouring to reinstate the Walk of Witness on Good Friday morning. Members of the local churches are being invited to join us and we plan to end the walk at St George's church hall for tea/coffee and hot cross buns. If anyone wishes to join the walk you would be most welcome or you may choose to join at some point along the route. Help with serving tea etc would be gratefully received.

The Flower Show May 15th, 16th and 17th. The theme this year is 'the seasons throughout the church year's. Anyone interested in having a display that represents one of the church groups/activities or would like to help by stewarding during the show dates please speak to Sarah Canham. We would also be very grateful for any donations towards the cost of purchasing flowers for the arrangements.

Lent Course: Session 4 of "Draw Near" "Serving God" will take place in the Choir Vestry at 11:30 on Sunday and 10:45 on Wednesday

We have 2 vacancies on the PCC. If you are interested in joining this lively but hard working team, please speak to Jane Cook .

The PCC recently discussed a report on our organ which highlighted that many of its electrical parts are now, after over 50 years of use, wearing out and need replacing. Thanks to a generous grant from Hampshire and the Islands Historic Churches Trust, we are now looking to see if a small amount of further fund raising might make it possible to do the most urgent work over the summer months. If you felt able to assist financially towards the work, any donations, both small and great, would be most appreciated.

2026 Waterlooville Music Festival, 4th – 7th June, tickets now on sale from Waterlooville Music Festival event tickets from TicketSource. Further details of this year's performers can be found on the festival's website Home (waterloovillemusicfestival2025.org.uk). For those not able to purchase tickets online they will be available from Thistle Wool Shop in Cowplain, Keys Travel on Highfield Parade and Waterlooville Fruit and Veg after Easter.

Heavenly Father, in the abundance of Your love, You have given us more than we could ever comprehend. Today, we come before You with a prayer for a generous heart. Teach us to give freely. Help us to understand that in giving we are reflecting Your image, Your generosity, and Your love. Lord, guide our hearts to see the needs around us, to reach out without hesitation, and to offer what we can. In our giving, remind us that it is more blessed to give than to receive. Let that truth settle deeply within us, stirring us to live generously in all aspects of our life. Amen

Walsingham Pilgrimage 10/4 to12/4/26 has a spare place available cost £270. Places for the 2027 Pilgrimage 2/4 to 4/4/27 need to be booked now. Please contact Linda Wainwright or Jane Cook urgently for further information if you wish to come.

The vicarage garden needs a "blitz" as soon as possible. If you could spare a couple of hours please contact Richard and we'll try and arrange a less inconvenient morning to attack it, agree weapons and nominate a pub for recovering in. Thank you.

The search for a mums and toddlers leader has resumed. If you know anyone who might help the parish to restart this valuable and appreciated activity please encourage them to make contact with any of the PCC or Churchwardens.

Volunteers needed to join the Holy Dusters rota for a couple of hours on a Thursday morning every 6 to 9 weeks depending how many volunteer. Please speak to Patricia or the Churchwardens if you can help.

Remembering Those Who Need Our Prayers This Week

Rosemary Turner, Katie Gibb, Fr Colin, Caroline Magnussen, Margaret Harris, Inara Nijkar, Jeremy, Tom Clarke, Fr Ray Chapman, Steve Cook, Pam Gadd, Audrey Linney, Sheilah Hall, Rozzy, John Blake, Anne Bailey, Jim Jones, Johnny Blake, Rebecca Sage, Rosa Miller and Fr Charles.

We Remember all who have died recently and **Will Graham, Tricia Scott, Sally Spurgeon, Leon Bartosiak, Arthur Fogelberg, Barbara Stephens, Edna Wilman, Leslie Harman** and **Cecil Wilman** whose anniversary falls at this time.