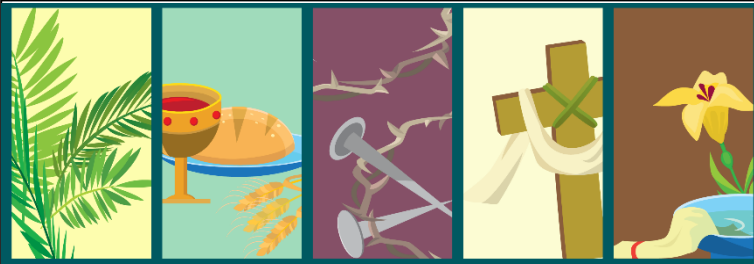


ST ANDREWS CHURCH, SANDFORD ON THAMES

March 2026

www.sandfordchurch.org

PCC MEETING: Thursday 26th February at 7.30 p.m. in the Harris Room



HOLY WEEK and EASTER SERVICES

Passion Sunday 22nd March

10.0 a.m. Parish Communion
6.30 p.m. Pergolesi Stabat Mater

Palm Sunday 29th March

10.0 Parish Eucharist with dramatic reading of the Passion

Wednesday 1st April

11.0 Holy Communion (BCP)

Maundy Thursday April 2nd

7.30 p.m. Eucharist

Good Friday April 3rd

2.0 Devotional service

EASTER SUNDAY April 20th

10.0 a.m. Parish Communion
Children's Church for Easter in the Harris Room,
followed by an Easter Egg Hunt.

Come and See

is a free online resource to explore spirituality and find out more about our Christian faith. Sign up to get daily emails through Lent, with reflections and readings. Recommended by a couple of people who signed up last year.

See:
<https://www.oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see/>

COMMUNITY LUNCH at Talking Shop

Next one 12.30 – 2.0
11th March
A delicious three course lunch cooked by volunteers to save food waste. Pay what you can - no need to book.

AFTERNOON TEAS

in the Village Hall:
4th March 2.0 – 4.0
Cost £4.
Join us by booking at
pruereynolds96@gmail.com



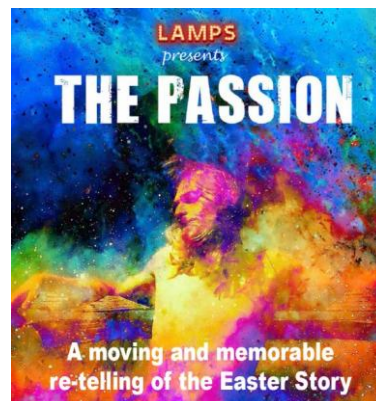
will be sung
in church
on Sunday
March 22nd
at 6.30 p.m.



Saturday 21st March
in the Village Hall

Teams of 6 or join a
friendly group on the day.

Bring your own food and drink. Tickets £5 per
head from john.findon@jesus.ox.ac.uk or 01865
434256: booking ahead is advisable as we aim to
keep numbers to a manageable level.



The Passion

Saturday
March 21st
at 7.0 p.m. in
Iffley church
hall.

Tickets £15 from
[ticketsource.co.uk](http://ticketsource.co.uk/st-marys-iffley)
/st-marys-iffley

MOTHERING SUNDAY Sunday March 15th



10.0 a.m.
Parish Communion

Contemplative prayer at the shrine of St
Frideswide at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford.
12.30 p.m. on Fridays from 27 Feb to 27 March.
Email charlie.kerr@chch.ox.ac.uk for more info.

GARDENERS' QUESTION TIME

With a panel of local experts

In the Village Hall
on Thursday 19th
March at 6.30 p.m.

If you have a hard copy of this pewsheet and
would like to receive it by email in future,
please email robert.morgan@theology.ox.ac.uk

SUNDAYS in March 2026 Year A



Sunday 1st March Lent 2

10.0 a.m. Parish Communion

Genesis 12.1-4 *God tells Abraham to become an immigrant. In your new country you will thrive and God will bless those who welcome and bless you. Those who curse you God will curse. Through you all the families of the earth will be blessed (= Paul's argument for Gentiles joining the Jewish Messiah Jesus).*

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Psalm 51.10

Romans 4.1-5, 13-17 *Paul reflects on Abraham's trust in God that put him right – see Genesis 15.6. Life is all gift. God's promise takes priority over law, morality, etc. Abraham is our father in faith.*

John 3.1-17 *The heart of John's gospel. Nicodemus struggles to understand Jesus, talking about the Spirit and new birth. Jesus is from God, who so loved the world that he gave us Jesus and the way to true life and healing. God wants us to be saved.*

6.30 p.m. Evening prayer

Sunday 8th March Lent 3t

10.0 a.m. Parish Communion.

Exodus 17.1-7 *No water in the desert (Sinai), so God gives Moses the solution. Trust God.*

Romans 5.1-11 *Paul's purple passage about trusting God and finding peace and reconciliation and hope. Even suffering can be productive. When we are weak God is there in Jesus on the cross, now alive with God and so with us.*

John 4.5-42 *A woman's curiosity about Jesus leads many of her Samaritan neighbours to faith. Jesus explains where her spiritual thirst can be met and that God wants true worship – in spirit and in truth.*

6.30 p.m. Evening prayer

Sunday 15th March MOTHERING SUNDAY

10.0 a.m. Parish Communion

Exodus 2 1-10 *Baby Moses is rescued from the genocide, and adopted by a kind woman.*

2 Corinthians 1.3-7 *God consoles us and enables us to help and console others in their troubles.*

Luke 2.33-35 *Mary and Joseph are amazed by what Simeon said about the baby Jesus in the Temple. He warns them that Jesus will be a divisive figure. Some will accept him, others reject God. It will hurt.*

6.30 p.m. Evening prayer

Sunday 22nd March PASSION SUNDAY

Ezekiel 37.1-14. *Some spiritually dead people will come alive. Those in exile will return. God will pour his Spirit into our hearts and we can come to know God.*

Romans 8.5-11 *The choice is ours: worldly things leading to death or God's Spirit leading to true life and peace. If the Lord Christ is here in and among us, his Spirit will revive us, and bring us to fulness of life with God.*

John 11.1-45 *Lazarus is brought out of the tomb. Martha learns who Jesus is and what he means for us: new life.*

This story introduces holy week by pointing beyond the victory of the cross to God's vindicating Jesus by resurrection.

6.30 p.m. PALESTRINA'S STABAT MATER

Sunday 29th March PALM SUNDAY

Philippians 2.5-11 *Paul teaches us humility by quoting an early hymn about Jesus who became a servant, died resisting evil without using force, and was vindicated, exalted by God to be our Lord.*

Matthew 26.14-27.66 *A dramatic reading of Matthew's account of Jesus' last 24 hours on earth. Compare it with the other 3. Or/and listen to Bach?*

6.30 p.m. Evening prayer

Among the many we know who need our prayers,
please especially keep in mind

**Rhona Bunce, Gwen Beaver, Jennie Tinson,
Ruth Tuckwell, Gina Ashburner, Yvonne Welch,
John Orr, Mick Hutton**

and also **John Bardwell** and the other residents,
trustees and staff of Vale House.

Rest in peace
Owen Naish

Almighty God, who seest that we have
no power of ourselves to help ourselves:
Keep us both outwardly in our bodies,
and inwardly in our souls;
that we may be defended from all adversities
which may happen to the body,
and from all evil thoughts
which may assault and hurt the soul;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BCP collect for Lent 2