

ALL SAINTS' NOTICE BOARD

PRAYER REQUESTS

We have 3 funerals in the coming weeks

The funeral for Keith Bisby will be on Wednesday 17th March.
The funeral for Mandy Bowman will be on Monday 22nd March at 1pm
The funeral of Ian Richardson will be on Monday 29th March at 1pm.
Please keep the families and friends of Keith, Mandy and Ian in your prayers.
These will all be private services because of the Covid regulations.

EASTER

The church will not be open for Easter services,
but infection rates are falling and by the time most of us have had our
second vaccination we may be able to mingle inside. Keep praying.

CELEBRATIONS

birthdays, anniversaries achievements
Would you like the church family to celebrate with you?

BIRTHDAYS

Christine, Sue or Jenny will deliver a birthday card on your birthday, but they need to know when it is.

Get in touch:- phone Christine on 0113 281 2449

email Leslye on leslyeanglican@btinternet.com

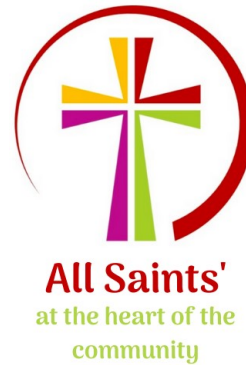
Please leave your name, date of birthday, (and if it ends in a zero, how old you will be) and your address.

ANNIVERSARIES and OTHER CELEBRATIONS

What are you celebrating? passing your driving test? getting a degree? reached your goal weight? a new grandchild? a wedding? a new job

If you are celebrating a wedding anniversary - how many years?

Get in touch:-phone Leslye on 0113 281 2488 or email as above.



SUNDAY 14th MARCH 2021

Mothering Sunday

Lent 4

Readings for Mothering Sunday
2 Corinthians 1.3-7 or Colossians 3.12-17
Luke 2.33-35 or John 19.25b-27

Collect

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

Telephone services

There is a dial-in prayer service (c.30 mins) at 6pm on Sundays. The services allow people to speak and listen, to be anonymous or to take part. To join these calls, dial **0330 336 0036** and enter the **PIN 716 416**.



Calls can be made from either a landline or mobile and are at a local rate from your service provider. Call Alan Stanley on 0113 281 2769 if you need help.

Weekly prayers and chat, on Wednesdays at 11am;
join by Zoom –click on <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87348030764> and key the Meeting ID 873 4803 0764 (if requested), or
join by phone – dial **0203 051 2874**
and then enter the Meeting **ID 873 4803 0764**.



Coffee and Chat telephone conversations

Thursdays at 11am with Kathryn and Leslye

Thursdays at 2 pm with Carole

To join either of these chats dial **0330 336 0036** and enter **PIN 716 416**

All these phone calls are charged at local rates.

The Rector's letter Saturday 13 March 2021

Dear all

Mothering Sunday, which we celebrate tomorrow, is one of those awkward Sundays that bring up strong and conflicting emotions throughout congregations and society. For many, it is a powerful and timely reminder of the importance of motherhood, a celebration of the love offered us by our parents and the close bond that mother and child can have. For others, particularly those unable to have children or who had a chaotic and disruptive, or even violent, upbringing, it is a reminder of what could have been but isn't. For them, watching the rest of society celebrate is a smack in the face of their lack of what they most desired. It is right for us to celebrate the good and positive and loving, but we should never forget that as we celebrate, others mourn.

Of course, Mothering Sunday was not originally about celebrating the love of mothers, but about the Mother Church. The tradition of Mothering Sunday goes back to a time when many children worked away from home and did not have regular holidays or time off to come back home to visit the parental village. Mothering Sunday became the one weekend of the year when young people in service in the big houses were free to come and worship at their 'mother church', the church in which they grew up and near which their parents still lived.

Various legends have grown up around Mothering Sunday over the years. One is that the young people coming back from service would pick flowers along the country lanes to give to their mothers when they arrived home – thus the tradition of giving flowers to mothers on this day.

Another legend is that of the Simnel cake. A Simnel cake is a fruit cake with two layers of marzipan and 11 marzipan balls on top. Legend has it that the 11 balls represent the 11 disciples (not including Judas) and that it is called a Simnel cake because it was originally baked by a couple called Simon and Nell. One wanted the cake baked and the other wanted it boiled. In the end they did both and so linked their names into Simnel.

Like Simon and Nell, Mothering Sunday is a mix of joy and sadness, a celebration of what is and a yearning for what could have been or has been lost. As I've reflected on this past year, I've found that that mix of emotions is a vein that runs through so much of life. It is the warp and the weft, the

colours and the dark that make life what it is.

We can rail against the gloom of the night, or we can live with and through its darkness, knowing that brighter days will come. Whether today is a day of darkness or light, I pray God's presence with you in your joys and in your sadness.

Blessings, Andy

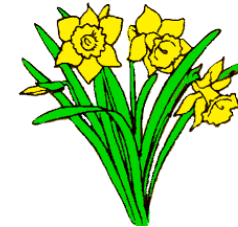
Easter cards for Terry Lister

Are there any more Easter cards to go to Terry Lister?

I will be taking the parcel to the Post Office Monday morning, so if you want to include your card, please put it through my door this weekend.

Thank you

A big thank you



to everyone who helped with the flowers for Mothering Sunday.

to Chris who cut bucket loads of greenery

to Rosie and Carole for bunching them

to Pauline, Ann, Jenny, Rosie, Norman, Pat,

Kathryn, Geoffrey, Neale, Linda, Steve and the 2 lads,

Christine, and Lesley W.

for offering to deliver the flowers along with an Easter card,

a Palm cross and a Holy Week leaflet.

A fantastic team effort!