



Sunday, 15th March 2026
Lent 4, *Laetare* Sunday: Mothering Sunday

MESSY CHURCH TODAY

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.**

First Reading: Exodus 2:1-10

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son, and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

Gospel: John 19:25-27

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then Jesus said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

HYMNS & MUSIC FOR THE MASS

Mass Setting: *Mass of Justice*, by John Merbeke

- 506** The church's one foundation
- 394** Tell out my soul
- 489** From heaven you came
- 315** Sing we of the blessed mother

Kyries:

Lord, have mercy upon us. (x 3)

Christ, have mercy upon us. (x3)

Lord, have mercy upon us. (x3)

Sanctus & Benedictus:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.**

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest.

Agnus Dei:

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Chorale Variations on 'Sei gegrusset, Jesu gutig'

(Jesu, Saviour, heed my greeting!). Chorale: Variations 2,6 &7

These were Bach's first published works, aged twenty.

Organist: Martin Firth

Gluten-free wafers are available. Please speak with a welcomer or warden before the service begins.

PRAYERS

Please pray for those who are unwell: Marcia, Annie, John Crocker, Sophia Vryoni-Dickson, Ray Harris, Bryan and Joan Bufton, Phillada Ware, Martin Nicholls, Geraldine, Frank, Michael, Matthew, Robin, Michael Lewis, Henry Wills, Sian Pearson, Kaydee Short, Mollie Lievesley, Ann Plaister, Celia Wells, Rachel Harris, Vanessa Blundell, Wanda Prosser, Hannah Spink, Steve Poole, Keith Tomkins, Nigel de Bray, Scott Blankley, Angela Brace, Movita Greening

Please pray for those recently departed: Anna George, Dorothy Charlton, Julia Pilkington, Andrew Watson (Bishop), **and for those in our Year's Mind:** Harold Thatcher (16th), Raymond Holloway (18th), Mollie Pritchard (19th), Bob Claypoole (21st)

If you wish to add a name to the prayer list, please contact either Fr David, Caroline Plaice or Carolyn Larcey.

THE WELCOME PROJECT PRAYER

Lord, our God, source of all life, you reveal your compassion and mercy in the life we share. Bless us as we respond to your Spirit's invitation to open wide our doors to Christ. May the doors of our hearts remain ever open in holy and unconditional welcome. Bless *The Welcome Project* – that our welcome may be wide enough to receive all who need love and fellowship, as we reach out to welcome the stranger and friend alike and so welcome your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

A PRAYER FOR PEACE

Holy and gracious God, we pray for the people of Ukraine and Russia; of Israel and Palestine. We pray for all those who are afraid; for those who are suffering and traumatised; and for those who are grieving, that your everlasting arms may hold them in this time of great suffering. We pray for those who choose war; that they will turn their swords into ploughshares and seek for peace. We pray for the leaders of nations; that they may follow the wisdom and compassion of Christ. We ask this in the name of your blessed Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us!

Our Lady of Kyiv, pray for your children!

PRAYER AND PASTORAL CARE NEEDS

If you need prayer support either for yourself or for someone you know do let Fr David know in confidence. Fr David is also in church most Saturday mornings to offer counselling, prayer, hear confessions or just for a chat. If you, or a member of your family, is in hospital, or housebound through illness, please let Fr David or Caroline (warden) know, and a pastoral or holy communion visit can be arranged.

Prayer and Meditation for March

Lord, fill our hearts with gratitude for your gift of Salvation.
Grant us freedom to proclaim throughout the world the redemption that
breaks the bond of sin and restores liberty to humanity.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

"Set your mind on God's kingdom and his justice before everything,
and all the rest will come to you as well." *Matthew 6:33*

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Jon Crow, who has been on extended leave since Christmas, has decided to step back from his role as Director of Music at Holy Trinity after over five years. Jon will continue to play for us as part of the rota of organists which has been established over the last few months, as well as work on fund-raising concerts with external musicians which many of us have enjoyed in recent years. Martin Firth will continue to co-ordinate the choir as he has been doing in recent months, and we look forward to hearing from him, Jon, Chris Burbridge and Chris Embrey as our team of organists.

FESTIVAL CHOIR – SINGERS FOR HOLY WEEK

We are still looking for singers to perform the sacred music at this year's Holy Week services: Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday (28th March to 5th April)

If you are interested in being involved, please contact Martin Firth, who is currently directing our choir, as soon as possible.

Rehearsals take place on **Thursdays at 7pm.**

It is important to practice as a choir in plenty of time to ensure a confident and good performance.

CHURCH CLEAN FOR EASTER

There are a choice of two dates this year, so do come along and 'gleam for God':

Saturday 28th March 2-4pm

Monday 30th March 9-11am

All materials provided, and a cuppa afterwards.

LENT DONATIONS

Our charity for Lent donations is Focus counselling

<https://www.focusbath.com> a small local mental health charity who provide all manner of counselling services. They offer support to people who can't afford to pay for counselling and run drop-in centres for 13-19 year olds each week, meaning people can get the help they need when they need it.

FUNERAL OF ANNA GEORGE

Friday, 20th March at 11.15 am at Ebenezer Church, 286, Filton Avenue, followed by Committal at Canford Cemetery and Celebration of Life at Manor Farm Community Centre, Bishopthorpe Road.

**A Reflection for Holy Week
using art, music and poetry.
Everyone is very welcome.
Sunday 29th March at 4pm**



Nicholas Mynheer **The Cup of Suffering**

Parish Contacts

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Regular Services:

Sunday 10am Mass.

Tuesday 12 noon Mass.

Thursday 10am Mass.

Friday 6pm Mass

Refreshments are served after Sunday and Thursday Mass.

Next Messy Church – 19th April

Additional monthly Services in Chapel of Reconciliation & Peace at 10am

First Saturday - the Holy Rosary will be prayed for peace.

Last Saturday - a Mass for healing with anointing will be offered.

Holy Hour of prayer – Last Sunday of the month at 4pm

Live streams of Sunday Mass (10 am), Tuesday Mass (12 noon), Thursday Mass (10 am) and any other advertised services being streamed, and

recordings of previous services are available at

<https://www.youtube.com/@HolyTrinityHorfield>

Bookings for the Hall, Helliwell and Blancharde rooms can be made via:

<https://www.sharesy.com/v/holy-trinity-horfield>



Getting involved: 15th March 2026

Activities

- **Sapling Saturday** The next date will be 28th March
- **Gravestone and memorial recording project.** Supported by local historian Andy Buchan, we are creating a record of every church and churchyard memorial which will be lodged with the local records office and the church. Training is provided and we arrange to work in pairs to complete this exciting project. This activity is arranged at times convenient to volunteers. A session is available on the 4th Saturday in the month where volunteers can work together - next date 28th March.

For information about any of these volunteering opportunities, please talk to Nick Stephenson or Caroline Plaice (warden).

Restarting in April **Green Gym** runs from 2-5pm on Mondays, mowing, strimming and trimming the churchyard. Training is given in using any equipment.

- **Craft Club** - "Weekly 'Craft Club' every Monday. Bring along your own craft work to do or have a go at the craft of the day (materials supplied).
- **Palm Cross making** – Craft Club 23rd March (am) and Saturday 28th 10.45-11.45am. Instructions and palms provided.
- **John Frost lecture** – Saturday March 21st Helliwell Room. Coffee from 10am. The lecture will begin at 10.30am given by Dr Brenda Despontin '*Some Hidden Thunder*' - retelling the remarkable story of John Frost, Chartist leader. Two of the members of the cast from *Pianoforte*, the play we are hosting in June about the life of Mary Frost (see advertisement at the end of this pew sheet), will be joining the event and performing an extract from the play, in costume. There will be the opportunity for questions and discussion, and to purchase a signed copy of Brenda's book. A sandwich lunch will be provided, and the event will

end by 2pm. *Please sign the list in the Welcome area for catering purposes.*

- **Church Volunteers invited to the Lent Trail at Horfield CE Primary**

On Monday 31st March and Tuesday 1st April we'll be running our annual reflective space - 'The Lent Trail' for Years 2-6 . Over an hour children will experience 5/6 reflective spaces where they can consider themes such as forgiveness, hope and prayer for themselves. If you think this could be for you, you don't need to be a teacher, there's a script for each station, you'll have 6 children at a time and someone else will do the timekeeping! The day will be split into 2 sessions 9-11:45 and 1:15-3:15. Sign up for as much or as little as you like. Contact Chaplain Debs on Dbaker@lsp.org.uk to sign up.

- **Visit to Muller Museum**

You are cordially invited to an afternoon excursion to the George Muller Museum. We will be meeting at church on Saturday 25th April at 1.45pm, for those who would like to car share. The museum is a short trip away in Ashley Down. There will be a sign-up sheet in the welcome area in church so we can confirm numbers and ensure car spaces for the trip. We will be back at church by 4pm to enjoy tea and cake together. The museum website offers an interesting taster into the life and work of George Muller in Bristol: <https://www.mullers.org/museum>

- **CHRISTIAN AID LUNCHESES**

There will be a Lent lunch on Saturday, 28th March, 12.30 – 2.00 pm at St Mary's and St James' Church, Lockleaze .

- **Open Afternoon @ HTH**– following the success of the afternoon last October, our next event will be Saturday 30th May 1-5pm. Have a go at ringing, playing the organ, joining a churchyard tour, a taster dance class, eating delicious cake and so much more. Further details to follow.



Pianoforte

The Story of Mary Frost

By/Gan Adele Cordner

Inspired by Mary Frost, Wife, Mother, Chartist by Sylvia Mason

6 JUNE/MEHEFIN, 7:30PM

**HORFIELD PARISH
CHURCH HALL
WELLINGTON HILL
BRISTOL BS7 8ST**

Audience Feedback

"Absolutely brilliant"

"Exceeded all my expectations"

*"The best portrayal of Chartism
I have ever seen."*

"Outstanding"

"A resounding success"

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www.herstorytheatrecompany.co.uk

£17.50 (£15 for 16yrs and under and Over 60's)

HOLY TRINITY
WITH ST. ANDREW & ST. EDMUND, HORFIELD



PALM SUNDAY, 29TH MARCH

10 am Parish Mass with blessing and distribution of palm crosses.

4 pm A Reflection for Holy Week in images, music and prayer

HOLY MONDAY, 30TH MARCH

7 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with silent prayer and Mass (**7.30 pm**).

HOLY TUESDAY, 31ST MARCH

12 noon Mass.

7 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with silent prayer and Mass (**7.30 pm**).

HOLY WEDNESDAY, 1ST APRIL

7 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with silent prayer and Mass (**7.30 pm**).

MAUNDY THURSDAY, 2ND APRIL

10.30 am Chrism Mass. The renewal of vows of ministry and blessing of the Holy Oils (*Bristol Cathedral*).

7.30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper and Watch before the Altar of Repose.

GOOD FRIDAY, 3RD APRIL

3 pm The Solemn Liturgy of the Passion.

6 pm Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY, 4TH APRIL

8 pm The Great Vigil and first Mass of Easter

EASTER DAY, 5TH APRIL

Masses of the Resurrection:

8 am Mass **10 am** Sung Parish Mass