

THE PARISH OF FAWKHAM AND HARTLEY

St. Mary's Church,
Fawkham

All Saints' Church,
Hartley



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PARISH NOTES

11th March 2018

Mothering Sunday

Collect

God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself:
strengthen us in our daily living
that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your presence
to bind together and to heal;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

*We welcome all who attend our services
today, especially those who are visitors or
newcomers.*

At the communion services, all who are confirmed or who are full members of other churches are welcome to receive Communion. All others, adults and children, are invited to come forward for a blessing; in this case, please carry a book with you so that it is clear to those administering that you do not intend to receive Communion.



9.00am All Saints' Church, Hartley Morning Worship

A service booklet is provided

Hymns: *Ancient & Modern*
116 All things bright and beautiful
104 For the beauty of the earth
360 For Mary Mother of our Lord
394 Lord of all hopefulness

10.30am Fawkham and Hartley Church Centre Holy Communion (Common Worship)

A service booklet is provided

Hymns: *Mission Praise*
23 All things bright and beautiful
152 For the beauty of the earth
449 Love divine, all loves excelling
882 Lord of all hopefulness

6.30pm St. Mary's Church, Fawkham Evening Prayer

A service booklet is provided

Hymns: *Ancient & Modern*
116 All things bright and beautiful
104 For the beauty of the earth
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Bible Readings

1 Samuel 1, 20 - end (page 252 OT)

To be childless in the society in which Hannah lived was an acutely painful situation. She pours out her anger, frustration and grief in a prayer to God. Her vow to dedicate her son to God's service in the Temple is a reaching out in desperation. When God grants her petition and the precious child is born her integrity is tested to the limit. How can she bear to give him up? The depth of her love is seen in the costly sacrifice she makes on Samuel's behalf and in her continued care as she journeys to the Temple each year with her present, watching his progress.

Colossians 3, 12 - 17 (page 199 NT)

Paul writes that believers at Baptism undertake a radical transformation; their old way of life is discarded and they enter the new life of the risen Lord. This new life is characterised by outgoing care for others and a humility which puts others first. It also includes forbearance and forgiveness when there is an argument or if someone is offended. These are qualities which are permanent features to match the new inner personality.

John 19, 25b - 27 (page 111 NT)

Mary the mother of Jesus stands at the cross. She has watched Jesus move from popular acclaim to public derision; now she sees him die a criminal's death - a severe test of her faith. For Jesus it is enough that she is there, together with John his beloved disciple. Christ's love and compassion overflow in care for them both and draw them together. Mutual love marks all those who are followers of Christ.

Next Week's Diary

Monday 12th March

9.30am Morning Prayer at St. Mary's Church, Fawkham
10.30am Group Council meeting at the Jubilee Hall
8.00pm Lent Course in Jubilee Hall, St. Mary Magdalene, Longfield

Tuesday 13th March

9.30am Morning Prayer at St. Mary's Church, Fawkham
12.30pm Funeral of John Luscombe at St. Mary's Church
3.00pm Funeral of Muriel Mills at Medway Crematorium
8.00pm PCC Meeting in Parish Room

Wednesday 14th March

10.00am Holy Communion at All Saints' Church, Hartley
7.30pm Deanery Pray-ers at St. Barnabas, Istead Rise

Thursday 15th March

6.00am Group Pilgrimage to the Holy Land
9.00am Morning Prayer at All Saints' Church, Hartley
10.00am Pop-In Parlour at Church Centre
7.30pm Lent Course in Parish Room, Church Centre

Weekday Readings

Mon	Exodus 2.11-22	Hebrews 9.1-14
Tues	Exodus 2.23—3.20	Hebrews 9.15-end
Wed	Exodus 4.1-23	Hebrews 10.1-18
Thurs	Exodus 4.27—6.1	Hebrews 10.19-25
Fri	Exodus 6.2-13	Hebrews 10.26-end
Sat	Exodus 7.8-end	Hebrews 11.1-16

Wednesday 10.00am All Saints' Church, Hartley
Isaiah 49.8-15 Psalm 145.8-18 John 5.17-30

