



St. Michael & All Angels

CHURCH IN THE PARK | LIVING, LOVING, SERVING

10 March 2024 : Fourth Sunday of Lent - Mothering Sunday

Welcome to our services today. If you are a visitor and usually take communion in your own church, we hope you will share the sacrament with us. We are now using the Common cup again when sharing the wine. If you are not a communicant, please still come to the altar, but carry a book, and you will receive a blessing. Do join us for Fairtrade refreshments in Church House after the 9.00 am service and at the back of church after the 11.00 am service.

Please take this sheet home with you as a reminder of events in the coming week which you might want to join in with, or pray over.

COLLECTS FOR TODAY'S SERVICES

Collect:

Merciful Lord,
absolve your people from their offences,
that through your bountiful goodness
we may all be delivered from the chains of those sins
which by our frailty we have committed;
grant this, heavenly Father,
for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Post Communion:

**Lord God,
whose blessed Son our Saviour
gave his back to the smiters
and did not hide his face from shame:
give us grace to endure the sufferings of this present time
with sure confidence in the glory that shall be revealed;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Today's readings with their pew bible page numbers are:

Old Testament Reading: **Numbers 21: 4-9** (page 158)

For the third time in the bible, the Israelites on the pilgrimage to the Promised Land run out of food and water. This time there is no miraculous supply, only some relief from snake-bites when Moses made a serpent of bronze for healing. As Jesus reminded his hearers, whenever people raised their eyes to this sign, their illness was lifted from them.

New Testament Reading: **Ephesians 2: 1-10** (page 1174)

It is by God's grace that we are saved, not by any effort of our own. Christ has been raised up into God's presence, and draws us up with him from death to life.

Gospel Reading: **John 3: 14-21** (page 1066)

Three times John's Gospel has Jesus speaking of being 'lifted up'. In this passage, Jesus recalls Moses lifting up the serpent for the healing of the people. Just so, says Jesus, the Son of Man must be lifted up, so that those who look to him and believe in him may have eternal life.

9.00 am Matins (Sung) (BCP)

Psalm 107: 1-9 (Oxford Psalter page 210)

11.00 am Family Communion

6.00 pm Evensong (Sung) (BCP) (No sermon)

Psalms 13 & 14 (Oxford Psalter page 38)

Exodus 6: 2-13 (page 62)

Hymn 59

Romans 5: 1-11 (page 1132)

Hymns 72 & 77

Intercessions: In our prayers this week we remember Cerys, Rex & Mary, Janet, Freddie, Anu, Andrea, Denise, Kay & Clive, Imelda & Mike, Charlotte, Ian, Sylvia, and all who care for and about them.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

MONDAY 11 March

7.30 pm Hughenden Community Singers: Church

TUESDAY 12 March

11.00 am Holy Communion: Church

12.00 pm Deanery Standing Committee Meeting: Church House

2.00 pm Mothers Union Committee Meeting: North Room

THURSDAY 14 March

9.30 am Tiny Tots Toddler Group: Church

10.30 am Tiny Tots Service: Church

SATURDAY 16 March

10.20 am Visiting Bell Ringers

Next Sunday:

17 March : Fifth Sunday of Lent - Passion Sunday

9.00 am Choral Communion (Common Worship)

11.00 am Service of the Word with Baptism

6.00 pm Evensong (Sung) (BCP)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

10 March – A Wild Mothering Sunday Meeting on the Green in front of Frieth Church (inside the church if inclement weather) at 3.00 pm. We will be creating our own flowers and there will be tea and cake! At Wild Church we will sing a couple of well-known hymns, hear a Bible reading and simple prayer. To find out more, please contact: Mary Campbell grandma.marycampbell@googlemail.com; Mardi Wilkins WhatsApp: 07988 030519; Rev Sue Morton 01491 639286 or 07808 517347 suemorton131@gmail.com

23 March – Women's Social Lunch This is an open invitation to the women in our church (and friends), to attend a lunch in Church House, 12.30 - 2.30pm, Saturday 23 March, provided by the Men's Breakfast group. If you have not already done so, please notify Lucy Rippon of your attendance and dietary requirements, including guests, where applicable (lucy.rippon@gmail.com or by telephone 01494 562425). There is no charge for the event, although a voluntary contribution to our church would be deeply appreciated. This is an ideal opportunity for fellowship and developing friendships. Hope to see you there.

21 April – Annual Vestry Meeting & Annual Parochial Church Meeting at 11.30 am in church following a combined service of Holy Communion at 10.00 am. A shared lunch will take place after the meeting.

GENERAL

Leaflets setting out our Holy Week and Easter services for our whole community, are now ready at the back of the church for distribution. It would be wonderful, if you could take advantage of the sunshine (?) and deliver to a few streets. Thank you very much.

APCM Report Booklet Please send your report(s) for the booklet to secretary@hughendenparishchurch.org.uk by 27 March to allow time to prepare and print it before the APCM on Sunday 21 April. Thank you.

Children's Society Boxes It is time for me to collect the contents of the Children's Society boxes for those of you who have a church box. I have taken over the collection of the money from Sylvia Clark. Please let me know when I can collect your box/money. My phone number is 01494 712705 or email me. I am in church most Sundays. Thank you, Lousie Stallwood.

Outlook The editor for the April issue is Susan Brice. Items for inclusion should reach the editor by 15 March. Email to mag@hughendenparishchurch.org.uk or handwritten articles can be delivered or posted to Sylvia Clark, 'Failte', Boss Lane, Hughenden Valley, HP14 4LQ.

The 2023 Gift Day raised the sum of £6,070. Grateful thanks go to the congregations for their generosity. The 2024 Gift Day will be on Sunday 13 October.

Growing Hope High Wycombe are looking for volunteers to join a fundraising team. The main purpose of this is to support the grant application process. This may include contacting the grant giver to find out more information, writing the applications and attending regular zoom meetings with the clinic manager and other volunteers. If you have experience in writing grant applications, or would be interested in developing these skills we would love to hear from you. Growing Hope high Wycombe is a local Christian charity providing therapy support to children with additional needs and their families. Please email highwycombe@growinghope.org.uk for more information.

NQ Challenge Last month we looked for birds. This month we look for a wild flower (a weed) in the garden. Examine it carefully and see the detail. Give thanks to God for the beauty of its structure and the fine details that you'd never noticed before, even if you're not sure of its name.

Mothers' Union Coffee Morning Thank you to everyone who supported us in any way. We had a lovely morning and a packed Church House. We made £368.97 for toiletries for the Women's Refuge and Ronald McDonald House.

Please let Keith or Helen know of any member of our church family who is unwell, in hospital, housebound, lonely or in need of support.

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