

## NOTICES

**EASTER LILIES** - a reminder that if you would like to make a donation towards the Easter Lilies in memory of a loved one, names and monies should be with Caroline Heron by Friday 23rd March - 570776.

**REFLECTIONS FOR LENT** - 15 minute reflections followed by Bread and Soup Lunch at St Mary's Church Quarry Street every Thursday until the 29th March, 12.15 to 12.30pm. See poster and flyers in Church and Centre.

**APCM and ELECTORAL ROLL** - our APCM takes place on Sun 22nd April at 11.15am. If anyone is not on the Electoral Roll and would like to be, please complete a registration form (at the back of church above the pigeon holes) and return to Jean Spencer or the Parish Office asap.

**JUMBLE SALE** - thank you to everyone who helped yesterday, particularly Paulene Lambert who organised the sale. More info next Sunday.

**MERROW RESIDENTS ASSOC AGM** on Mon 26th March, 8pm at St John's Centre. There will be an update on the Local Plan, and local planning and environmental news, plus a chance to chat over a glass of wine. New members may join on the door. For more info look at merrowresidents.org.uk.

**3-WHEELED & 4-WHEELED WALKERS** are looking for new homes! The 3-wheeled has a shopping bag in the middle, the 4-wheeled has a seat in the middle. For more information please contact Michelle in the Parish Office .

**ST JOHN'S SUMMER FAYRE** - it will be upon us before we know it!! Please offer your help and support to run stalls, provide goods, to set up and clear away, any good ideas to Jane 07765620017 or email Farquharson@ntlworld.com

**CHRISTIAN TOUR OF IRELAND** led by The Revd Haydon Wilcox, 20th-30th Sept 2018. If anyone is interested in going please contact: haydonwilcox@mac.com or tel 01252 621639. He has six spaces left.

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**Jacqueline's Induction at Wreclesham** will be **THIS Tuesday 13th March at 7.30pm**. The coach will be leaving the Centre car park at 6.30pm and will return to Merrow at 9.45-10pm. The cost is £5.50/person.

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**FOR THOSE WITH MEDICAL ISSUES:** please would you consider carrying a note in your purse/wallet giving the name and contact telephone number of the person who should be contacted in the event of you being taken ill in the Church or Centre.  
**Thank you.**

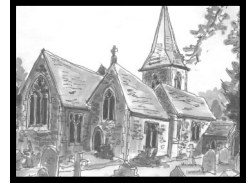
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## St John the Evangelist Merrow

11th March 2018

### MOTHERING SUNDAY Fourth Sunday of Lent Today's Services



**8.00am Holy Communion** (*Book of Common Prayer*)  
*President & Preacher: Rona Stuart-Bourne*

**10.00am Mothering Sunday Service of Holy  
Communion** (*Common Worship*)

*President: Dermot Verschoyle*

*Preacher: Rona Stuart-Bourne*

*Readings, Intercessions & Elements: Tom Mabbort & Joe Bullock*

**HYMNS: NEH**

**137 Come down O love Divine**

**285 For the beauty of the earth**

**186 Tell out my soul**

**362 Glorious things of thee are spoken**

**6.30pm Evening Prayer (said)**

*Officiant: Dermot Verschoyle*

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Robert Avis 575327

## TODAY'S COLLECT & READINGS

### 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.

### First Reading 1 Samuel 1.20-28

Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the LORD.'

The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the LORD, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.' Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only - may the LORD establish his word.' So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh; and the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, 'Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the LORD. For this child I prayed; and the LORD has granted me the petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he is given to the LORD.' She left him there for the LORD.

### Second Reading Colossians 3.12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

### Gospel Luke 2.33-35

The child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about Jesus. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed - and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

### Post Communion Prayer

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in

grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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## PRAYERS:

**ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER:** Pray for The Church of England  
The Most Revd and Rt Hon Justin Welby Archbishop of Canterbury

**DIOCESE CALENDAR OF PRAYER:** Pray for Chaplains of General Hospitals ,  
Hospices & Mental Health Trusts: Bishop's Adviser for Healthcare Chaplaincy: Rev  
Canon Judith Allford

Prayer requests:

- for all our Healthcare Chaplains in their support for Hospice and Hospital staff as well as for patients and their families at this particularly difficult time throughout the health services
- please continue to pray for the work of our Hospice Chaplains throughout the diocese
- give thanks for the vital ministry of many volunteers within our Chaplaincy Teams and pray for others to join them

**IN AND AROUND THE PARISH:** Pray for those who live and work in Bushy Hill

**OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:** Alan Purser Linda Ratnieks Penny Evans  
John Higgins Brenda Mansey Joan Ashbee Elizabeth Jordon Paul Ratnieks  
Barbara White Yvonne Tarrant Margaret Heale

**For Rona and her family as they settle into St John's**

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## This week in Church

Mon-Wed	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Mon, Tues & Fri	5.00pm	Evening Prayer
Tues	7.30pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Wed	10.30am	Holy Communion in Merrow Hall
	10.30am	Wednesday Coffee Club
Fri	6.30pm	Choir Practice

## Next Sunday - 18th March - 5th Sunday of Lent

8am	Holy Communion <i>Book of Common Prayer</i>
10.00am	Holy Communion - <i>Common Worship</i>
6.30pm	Meditation & Compline