

# 15 March 2026—Fourth Sunday in Lent (Mothering Sunday)

## Welcome to our services today

### Thank you ...

... to all who prepared the posies for today's services.

### Bishop Andrew

Bishop Andrew's funeral will take place in Guildford Cathedral at 12 noon on Monday week (23rd). Due to pressure of numbers and space, admission will be by ticket only, but there will be a live-stream link, and in each deanery there will be a church streaming the service for those wishing to join together in worship and remembrance: in our vicinity, these will be St Paul's, Camberley, and Church on the Heath, Fleet.

### Mothers' Union

The MU meet tomorrow (16th) at 7 pm in Trinity Hall, focussing on Lent. We look forward to seeing you.

Our **Lenten Lunches** (vegetarian soup and bread) continue on Fridays throughout Lent at 12.15 pm. All are welcome. There will be the opportunity to make a donation in support of our **Lent Charity**, Step by Step, a locally-based charity doing vital work with young people facing homelessness and similar challenges.

### Walsingham Cell Mass

The Walsingham Cell meets at Holy Trinity for Mass at 11 am this Saturday (21st). All are welcome. There will be no bring-and-share lunch on this occasion.

### Easter Flowers

Donations towards the cost of Easter flowers can be given to Diane Brown at Holy Trinity and Joan Dimmick at All Saints.

### Chrism Mass

The Regional Chrism Mass will be on **Saturday week (28th)** at **12 noon**, when we will join with Bishop Luke at **Guildford Cathedral**. As it is near at hand this year, we hope our parish will be well represented!

### Electoral Roll

The Electoral Roll revision begins today and lasts for six weeks. Please note, this is *not* one of those years in which the Roll is recompiled from scratch, so if you are already on the Roll you do not need to re-apply – this revision is for additions and removals only.

## THIS WEEK

• All events at Holy Trinity—*unless shown otherwise*•  
*Weekday Readings: Week 4 in Lent*

### Monday

7.00 pm: Mothers' Union Meeting—*Trinity Hall*

### Wednesday

6.30 pm: Mass (Vigil of St Joseph)  
(6.00: Exposition of Blessed Sacrament)

Psalm R: *His dynasty shall last for ever.*

### Thursday **St Joseph, Spouse of the B. V. Mary**

11.00 am: Bible Study group

### Friday

11.00 am: Mass (10.30: Exposition of Bl. Sacrament)  
Psalm R: *The Lord is close to the broken-hearted.*

12.15 pm: Lenten Lunch

2–4 pm: Tea at Two—*All Saints Hall*

**2.00 pm:** Holy Communion—*Camberley Woods*

### Saturday

11.00 am: Walsingham Cell Mass

### Next Sunday—**Passion Sunday (Fifth in Lent)**

9.15 am: Mass with hymns—*All Saints*

11.00 am: Sung Mass

### 'Tea at Two'

We meet every Friday from 2 – 4 pm in All Saints Hall. Come and join us for great cake, tea/coffee and conversation. We look forward to seeing you!

### Weekly news sheet

Please send any items for inclusion on the sheet to Fr William by the end of Wednesday each week.

### *Please remember in your prayers this week:*

**The sick and infirm:** June Anderton, Janet Dadson, Peter Gardner, Ian McRea, Paul Moore, Janet Murton, Darren Neve, Roy & Jackie Phillips, Dave Powers, Mike Reed, Pat Rorison, Shirley Whiteley, Jack & Rosemary, John, Kirk & Karen, Mark, Phil  
**and the needs of** the peoples of the Middle East

### **The recently departed & their families:**

Ian Armstrong, Bishop Andrew Watson, Neville

**Anniversary of death:** Ena Delve, Fred Hough, Doris Joy, Gordon Lodder, Dick Price

## Psalm 23

Until comparatively recently, this psalm was very well known and popular at funerals. Such familiarity should not obscure the important messages this psalm conveys. The writer looks back at his life and sees the hand of God protecting, guiding and feeding. The sentiments expressed are the mature fruit of a heart which, having passed through many bitter experiences and having fought many battles has been allowed to find at the decline of life in its intimate communion with God the serenity of a contented spirit.

The phrase “even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death” expresses a profound reality of distress. But the poet clings to God and has discovered that God did not desert him but has been merciful to him in these times of peril and has delivered him from the fear of loneliness. God has been his guide, his refuge and his comfort in this demanding journey of faith. Furthermore, even this painful recollection is transfigured by feelings of gratitude for that vital communication with the living God. This enables the psalmist to face the future without fear and with confident hope no matter what might be in store.

The use at the beginning of the psalm of the image of God as shepherd is an important one as it conveys care and compassion for His flock. This relates well to St John 10: 11, “I am the good shepherd, the good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.”

We would do well to appreciate this psalm alongside Jesus’s teachings and actions in the Gospels, for He is the author and perfecter of our faith. He is our friend and redeemer.

## Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2026 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent & Mothering Sunday Gospel: John 9: 1 – 41



The Passion of the Lord is the Passion of his Blessed Mother also. Here we see the fulfilment of the prophecy of Simeon, when Jesus was presented in the Temple, that a sword shall pierce your own soul too. Now the Mother witnesses the death of her own Son. The great Roods, the hanging Crosses of our Churches may put this scene before our very eyes, of the Crucified Redeemer, the faithful Disciple, and the death of the One through whom we are truly given life. As Jesus commends his Mother and the beloved Disciple one to the other, God’s people find a new family home in the Church. There is only one other place in the Gospel where Jesus calls his Mother, Woman, and that is the Wedding at Cana. There she says, do whatever he tells you, and water is turned into wine, the first of his great signs. Now death becomes the way to life for us.