

Sun 11th March Mothering Sunday

10.00am Family Eucharist

Mon 12th Mar

7.30pm Bell ringing practice

Tuesday 13th Mar

8.30 am Morning prayer at St Benedict's

4.30-9.30pm Rainbows, Brownies & Guides

Weds 14th Mar

9.00am Said Morning prayer @Abbey Centre

10.00am Holy Communion & Coffee

1.30 -3pm Tots and Toddlers time

Thurs 15th Mar

8.30am Said morning prayer

2 – 3.30 pm No Craft & Coffee

7.30 pm Lent Course TRMC -prophecy

Sun 18th March

10.00am Family Eucharist

11.30am Thirty Minute church

12.00 Home alone lunch

2.30pm Holy Baptism

4.00pm Baptism rehearsal

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11th March 2018

Mothering Sunday

A warm welcome to our services at St Benedict's from the Ministry team, church officers and the entire congregation, especially if this is your first time with us. Please do join us if you can, for a coffee or tea and biscuits following the main Sunday morning service.

Rotas: 11th Mar Mothering Sunday

Sides people : Des & Jenny Peasland

Readers: Mothers union -

Intercessions: Mothers' union

Offertory: Bill & Hazel Christie

Chalice: Mary Roach, Chris Newton

Counting: Richard Warr, Marion Angus

Coffee: Julie Creasey, Geoffrey Brown

Servers: Catherine Galvin, Janet Selling

Jnr church: Mothering Sunday

Church Cleaning: Amaka & Ada

18th Mar 5th Sunday of Lent

Annette Bashford, Jill Enstone

Pradeep Anthony, Keith Hellewell

Catherine Galvin

Diana Dale, Geoffrey Brown

Catherine Galvin, Lesley Flood

Marion Angus, Chris Newton

Eileen Daley, Julie Mesdag

Norman Critchlow, Ken Fitzhugh

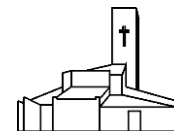
Thirty minute church

Jules & Des

A Rose by any other name...

Last Thursday was International Women's Day. On the same day newspapers and shops were full of advertisements for Mothers' Day, two days celebrating in their own way Women and Women's achievements. But, I could be heard muttering to Richard as we walked along, "It's not Mothers' Day, it's Mothering Sunday". Mothers' Day is now all but ubiquitous, with people like me regarded as old fashioned and pedantic. So does it matter? Yes. Most obviously because if we see this simply as a day to celebrate our mums or being a mum then there will be very many people who feel utterly excluded for a variety of reasons. Celebrating human love and indeed rights is good and should have a central place in church alongside our celebration of God's love for us and our love for him, but it cannot be exclusive, limited to one particular relationship. Much better to celebrate Mothering which is not limited to a biological or legal relationship or even by gender. Not forgetting either that the Mother that Mothering Sunday originally referred to is "Mother Church" who belongs to us all. So regardless of gender, age or personal history may I wish you all a Happy Mothering Sunday" **Anne.**

Our 10am service today March 11th will be a special family communion for Mothering Sunday. Thirty Minute Church will be next Sunday March 18th at 11.30am



Our mission is to encourage the people of the parish to worship God in a loving, caring environment and help them to find faith and fulfilment in Jesus



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thurs 15th Mar 7.30 Lent course TRMC

Weds 21st Mar 7.30 Lent course Abbey centre

Fri 23rd March 7.30 pm Stations of the Cross

Mon Mar 26th 7.30pm Eucharist Tues 27th

Mar 7.30pm Stations of the cross

Weds 28th Mar 7.30pm Tenebrae service

Thurs 29th Mar 7.30pm Maundy Thursday

Agape Eucharist followed by & vigil

Fri 30th Mar 10 am service of reflection at Abbey centre followed by walk of witness to Hunsbury Hill Country Park.

2.00 pm Meditation at the foot of the cross

Sun 1st April Easter Sunday

Sat 14th Apr Stations of the Resurrection

Sun 22nd April 11.30am APCM

Sun May 6th 6.30 pm Healing service

Thurs 10th May 7.00am & 12 Noon

Ascension day service

Sat 12th / Sun 13th May Flower Festival-theme Peace

Sat 30th June 7.30pm St Benedict's Soiree

Sun 17th June 10.45 Shared worship at TRMC

Sun July 8th Barbecue following 30 minute Church for St Benedict's Day.

Sun 15th July 6.30 pm Shared evening