

## 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.**

## POST COMMUNION

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. **Amen**

## Readings for 11<sup>th</sup> March 2018

### FIRST READING

Exodus 2 v 1-10

### SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 1 v 3-7

### GOSPEL

John 19: 25-27

## Readings for 18<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Exodus 2 v 1-10

2 Corinthians 1 v 3-7

John 19: 25-27

11/03/18 Mothering Sunday

## Stewardship

Last Sunday was our Stewardship  
Sunday. We were only able to pay 90% of  
our Parish Share last year and this year  
we have an allocation of £59,554. Please  
think and pray hard about the level of your  
giving. It is vital that we recognise that as  
Christians our giving to the church  
community of which we are a part is an  
essential part of our weekly or monthly  
expenditure. If you were not able to be  
with us due to the snow please take one  
of the stewardship envelopes on the table.

## **Mothering Sunday and Thirty Minute Church**

Thirty Minute church will be next Sunday ,  
18<sup>th</sup> March as today we have a special  
Mothering Sunday service

## Annual Church Meeting

**22<sup>nd</sup> April 11.30 am**

Please prepare reports and let Norman  
Critchlow have these for the Annual  
church meeting

## **Lent course**

Our Lent course continues on Thursday  
with sessions at 7.30 pm looking at the  
Prophecy Each session works as a  
standalone so you are welcome if you can  
only attend one or two.

Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> March TRMC -Prophecy

Weds 21<sup>st</sup> March ACBC –Justice

## **Easter Roses**

If you would like to Sponsor an Easter  
Rose in memory of a loved one please,  
print their name on the list in church.  
Suggested donation £2.

## Flower Festival

### Peace



St Benedict's  
flower festival in  
May is on Friday  
evening 11<sup>th</sup> May, all  
day Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May and the  
afternoon of Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May.

**The theme is peace.** We will be  
looking for people to help steward  
church make cakes and serve  
refreshments. Please see Chris  
Hunt for more details.

## Obsolete notes and coins

The old £1 coin and paper £5 and  
£10 notes have been withdrawn from  
circulation, we are collecting them in  
aid of the church porch fund. So far  
customers and staff of the Drovers  
Return Café have donated £20 in  
coins. If you, your friends or  
family have any of these coins or notes  
at home or work, please consider  
donating them to the porch fund. They  
can be put in the collection plate or  
given to Marion Angus or Anne  
England for banking.

## Sunday Church Rotas

New Rotas for April to Sept are now  
being prepared. If you would like to join  
the rotas please speak to Richard Warr  
or Revd Anne. (no previous experience  
needed)

## Lent – a time for growth

Here is something to do for each day of  
Lent. The theme is growth – in different  
ways.

### **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March**

Find an atlas (perhaps online) and  
look up all the countries in Africa.

What do you know about their  
politics? Try and find out

### **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March**

Thank God today for each meal you  
eat. If you dare, do it out loud even  
when at work, or at school!

### **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March**

Make something for someone in  
your family or someone in church  
which they would like, - bake, sew,  
or saw, or whatever

### **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March**

Put some flowers, or a tree branch,  
in a vase and put it on your table to  
remind you of the creativity of God.

### **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March**

Find a charity which works in a  
country you found in the atlas on  
Monday and make a donation.

### **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March**

Find something growing in your  
street or community and help – take  
off dead leaves, water it, prune it or  
give it some TLC.

### **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March**

Take a weekly newsheet this week  
and pray for every meeting on it –  
not just ones you might go to.