



10 March 2024  
4th of Lent Mothering Sunday



**Welcome to our worship, especially if you are here for the first time.**

**Responsible for one another:** It remains your choice whether or not to drink from the Chalice. Sharing the peace with a handshake, wave or nod remains OK too. Ask for a card to put on the seat next to you to ask it to be left free if that will help you feel safer.

### Sunday 10 March

8am Said Eucharist at St Andrew's: Canon Paul Gully

10am Family Service at Resurrection: Simon Lemieux ,  
Preacher: Canon Paul Gully , Reader: Amanda Wells, Intercessor: Geoff Wilson

### Monday 11 March

2pm Lent Group RePurpose – hosted by Maretta  
7pm Lent Group Tarry Awhile – hosted by Maretta

### Wednesday 13 March

10am Said Eucharist at St Andrew's: Canon Paul Gully  
2pm Care and Fellowship Group meets at  
Resurrection (see notice)  
7pm Said Eucharist at Resurrection: Canon Paul Gully

### Saturday 16 March

12-2pm Parish Lent lunch at the Nicholas' home, (see notice)  
2pm Messy Church at Resurrection

### Collect for Mothering Sunday

God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful:  
watch over us and hold us all the days of our life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord

### I Samuel 1.20-28

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

21 The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. 22But 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.' 23Her 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. 24When 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. 25Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. 26And 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. 27For this child I prayed; and the Lord has granted me the petition that I made to him. 28Therefore 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.

### Luke 2.33-35

33 And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. 34Then 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 35so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

### Post Communion Prayer for Mothering Sunday

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.

## LENT

**Christian Aid Lent Lunches** - we will be holding a series of soup lunches for Christian Aid during Lent.

**The next is held at Drayton United Church** on Friday 22 March. Serving Times 12:15 to 13:30. Any offers of help to serve would be very much appreciated. All food will be provided.

### Christian Aid Lunches in the Parish.

We are running a series of lunches for Christian Aid in our Parish on the following dates. All lunches are between 12:00 and 14:00, so please do support where you are able to and bring your friends!

Saturday 16 March - Jean & Tony Nicholas at 10, Highbank Avenue, Widley.

Saturday 23 March - Fiona & Andrew Harrison at 35 Augustine Road, Drayton.

Thank you . Di Allen (Christian Aid Rep for Cosham Area) Tele. 07710 214528i

### Evening service for Lent with Taize music and prayer.

**Tues 26 March, 7pm** at St Andrew's , followed by tea, coffee and conversation

### An evening of music and meditation for Holy Week, Wed 27 March 7.30pm Drayton United Church.

Donations to Parkinson's UK.

### The Bishop's Lent Appeal

This year, the Bishop's Lent Appeal is raising funds and awareness for two causes: **Tearfund's Middle East**

**Emergency Fund and The Trussell Trust in Portsmouth.**

In 2023, generous worshippers kindly raised £20,897 towards the Lent Appeal from fundraising and donations across the diocese. This came after you raised £16, 059 in 2022. Thank you for your generosity! Visit

[portsmouth.anglican.org/lentappeal](https://portsmouth.anglican.org/lentappeal) to find out more

### Card Giving Machine

During Lent the Giving Machine in both churches will have a different display, giving you the choice of donating to the Parish or to the Bishop's Lent Appeal. Choose the

cause you wish to support and the more familiar screen will appear. Paul

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**Care and Fellowship Group will meet at the COR hall on Wednesday 13 March from 2pm to 4pm.** Please come and join us for an afternoon of Easter themed crafts, board games; tea and biscuits and a raffle too! Thanks Di Allen.

**PCC News:** The Eco-church team will be meeting this coming Thursday. Please pray for the members of that team and for their deliberations that afternoon .

**Parish Electoral Roll:** 'It is time for a revision of the Electoral Roll ahead of the Annual Parish meeting in April. If you are not on the roll, and would like to be, please see Marcus Saunders for an application form (copy of the roll is on the notice board next to the exit door if you are not sure if you are on it or not). If you wish to vote at our APCM or take up any office on our Parish Council it is a requirement to be on the Electoral Roll. The deadline is March 24th 2024. Marina

**The next concert for our 'Raise The Roof' fund.** Our next concert will be held at Resurrection on 27 April. We are delighted to welcome London quartet Sonare Choir on their latest UK tour in a concert entitled My Soul, There is a Country. Tickets are currently available on Eventbrite at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/my-soul-there-is-a-country-the-best-of-british-choral-music-tickets-648047185577>. Admission on the door will be £12, but tickets in advance will cost £10.80, or £9 for those under 35. For people without internet access, we plan to make tickets available locally as soon as we can. This promises to be a very special evening, please support this event if you can. John

**Urgent request from Friends without Borders (Portsmouth) :** FWB are very keen to recruit **two additional volunteers** to join their current Caseworker team at the FWB drop-in every Thursday. Caseworkers play a vital role in helping Friends Without Borders (FWB) fulfill its mission to offer relief to asylum seekers, refugees and vulnerable migrants who are suffering hardship, or distress. Caseworkers help in providing general assistance, financial support, referrals and other help. At our weekly drop-in sessions, they work closely with our clients and their families to identify needs and help them access services, including housing, medical services, schooling and provide general administrative and personal assistance. Training and support will be given for this role. Anyone interested should contact Rachel McCormick at [office@friendswithoutborders.org.uk](mailto:office@friendswithoutborders.org.uk) or for further discussion call 07546 502143 (office hours, Mon – Thurs). Alternatively email Coleen Le on: [deputy@friendswithoutborders.org.uk](mailto:deputy@friendswithoutborders.org.uk) or call her on 07799187091

**The Great Big Plastic Count** - Count your plastic for one week – 11-17 March 2024. For one week in March, thousands of schools, households, community groups and businesses will be coming together to count their plastic waste. Can you to join them? Several of us in Farlington Parish joined 250,000 people taking part in The Big Plastic Count organised by Greenpeace and Everyday Plastic in 2022. Together we revealed that almost two billion pieces of plastic packaging are being thrown away a week! This year we can help build even more evidence to convince UK ministers to lead the way at the global talks that could finally phase out plastic pollution for good. Sign up online here for a free pack: <https://thebigplasticcount.com/sign-up>

up Miriam Sampson Mobile: 07880 732846

**A Pastoral Care Training Day** is being organised at Cosham Baptist Church. You are warmly invited to a day of learning about the importance of pastoral care in the church. The date is **Saturday 11 May from 10am till 4pm** and it is being led by Ian and Ruth Coffey from Moorlands Bible College. Effective pastoral care takes place when the whole church family takes responsibility for it. Please sign up by 15 April. To sign up, contact Rev Paul Gough: [revpaulgough@gmail.com](mailto:revpaulgough@gmail.com)

### Next Sunday 17 March 5th of Lent

8am Said Eucharist at St Andrew's: Canon Paul Gully  
9.30am Family Eucharist at Resurrection: The Revd Linda Denness, Preacher: Simon Lemieux  
Reader: Chris Gibbons, Intercessor: Jenny Gibbons  
11:15am Family Eucharist at St Andrew's : Canon Paul Gully , Preacher: Simon Lemieux , Reader: Jo Welton, Intercessor: Amber VP

*The readings for 17 March are Jeremiah 31.31-34 and John 12. 20-33. I really encourage you to read these before you come to worship. Paul*

### For your prayers this week 10-16 March

- In a world of limited resources, Lord, where a few have too much and most have too little, teach us there's enough for all, if we can only learn to share.
- For Portsmouth Deanery led by Bob White and Annie McCabe
- For our local Foodbanks
- Abundant and creative God, You have made us in Your image, move us, we pray, to reflect that, as we live abundantly, generously and joyfully.
- For residents of Widley Court Drive and Widley Road
- For Court Lane Junior School
- For those who have died recently including Diane Brown and Kneale Roughsedge
- Anniversaries: Michael Bryant, Sheila Fellows and Elma Gibson

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