

**SUNDAY 30<sup>th</sup> MARCH**      **Mothering Sunday**      **Fourth Sunday of Lent**

8.00am Holy Communion (Canon Don/Laurelin Burge)  
9.30am Parish Eucharist (Preb. David/Laurelin Burge) *(also live-streamed)*  
11.30am All Age Communion with Pulford School (Preb. David)  
6.00pm Stations of the Cross Reflection (Bill Webb)

**MONDAY 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH** *John Donne, Priest, Poet, 1631*

7.45pm-9.30pm Bellringers Practice Night

**TUESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> APRIL** *Frederick Denison Maurice, Priest, Teacher of the Faith, 1872*

9.00am Morning Prayer      1.00pm Funeral – Jean Goodyear  
2.30pm Bereavement Meeting

**WEDNESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> APRIL**

9.00am Morning Prayer      9.30am Toddler Time  
10.00am Pulford School Passiontide Service      1.00pm Lunch Club  
8.00pm Baptism Preparation

**THURSDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> APRIL**

9.00am Morning Prayer      10.00am Holy Communion (Preb. David)  
11.15am Lent Course      1.00pm Leighton Middle Rehearsing      7.30pm Lent Course

**FRIDAY 4<sup>th</sup> APRIL**

9.00am Morning Prayer      9.00am Leighton Middle Rehearsing  
11.00am & 1.30pm Leighton Middle Easter Service  
6.30pm Leighton Young Singers Club      6.30pm Trebles Choir Practice  
7.30pm Adult Choir Practice

**SATURDAY 5<sup>th</sup> APRIL**

9.00am Holy Communion (Canon Malcolm)

**SUNDAY 6<sup>th</sup> APRIL**      **Passion Sunday**      **Fifth Sunday of Lent**

8.00am Holy Communion (Preb. David/Bill Webb)  
9.30am Parish Eucharist (Preb. David/Bill Webb) *(also live-streamed)*  
2.30pm Bereavement Support Café  
6.00pm Stations of the Cross Reflection (Geoff Marchant)

***We would like to politely request that you turn off your mobile phones or switch them to flight-safe mode.***

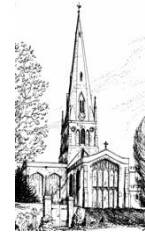
# All Saints Parish Church, Leighton Buzzard

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## Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2025

### Mothering Sunday      Lent 4

We warmly welcome all visitors and newcomers to our church. If any of you are from other denominations and are accustomed to receiving Communion in your own church you are welcome to here. For the hard of hearing the church is equipped with a loop system. Switch to T please.

**The news sheet is for you to retain and use for reference and prayer**

### Today's services

#### 8.00am Holy Communion

#### 9.30am Parish Eucharist

*Readings: RCL: Year C: Page: 113*

*Setting: New English Folk Mass*

Introit:      196

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*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.*

1<sup>st</sup> Reading:      1 Samuel 1: 20-end

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:      2 Corinthians 1: 3-7

Gradual Hymn:      362

Gospel:      John 19: 25b-27

Preacher:      Laurelin Burge

Intercessions:      Laurelin Burge

Offertory Hymn:      360

Anthem: For the beauty of the earth - Rutter  
For the beauty of the earth, For the beauty of the skies, For the love which from our birth, Over and around us lies; *Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.*  
For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night; hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light; *Lord of all, ...*  
For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild; *Lord of all, ...*  
For each perfect gift of Thine, to our race so freely given, graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven; *Lord of all, ...*

*During this time please observe a period of quiet reflection, as we receive Communion*

Communion Hymn: 473  
Post Communion: 205

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**11.30am All Age Communion with Pulford School**

Hymns: HON 467, 53, 235, The Lord's my Shepherd (sheet), 284  
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**6.00pm Stations of the Cross Reflection**  
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**IN YOUR PRAYERS PLEASE REMEMBER**

*Sick:* Owen Butler, Ben Colbert, Katrina Boyce, Fr. Stephen Heard,  
Geoffrey Seale, Marcus Flowerdew-Clarke, Gilda Robinson,  
Katherine Tyler, Carol Steward, Roger Collor, John Brennan,  
Rob Stonier, Mary Williamson

*RIP:* Liz Lemon, Barry Grocock

*Year's Mind:* Richard Greensted, Keith Boyce, Frederick Saunders,  
Robert Walters, Betty Ransom, Robin Boyce

*In our Team:* Pray for our Readers

*In the World:* Pray for Victims of Abuse

*In the Diocese:* Pray for Retreat Conductors and Spiritual Directors

*In the Wider Church:* Pray for the Anglican Consultative Council

**NOTICES:**

**REMINDER: NEW ELECTORAL ROLL 2025:** To join the new Electoral Roll, you are all invited to complete a form by the 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025, prior to the Parish's APCM. The forms are on the Sides person's table in church, and at the entrance to the Spire Café. If you unable to collect a form, please let the Parish Office know, leaving your telephone number, and I will contact you. And don't hesitate to speak to the Clergy, Churchwardens, or myself, if you have a query. Liz Corbett 01525 372822

**APCM:** Please send your APCM reports to parish@allsaintslb.org.uk as soon as possible.

**PALM SUNDAY DONKEY:** If you would like to contribute towards the cost of the donkey, please leave your donation in the Parish Office. It would be very much appreciated, as we begin to walk with our Lord.

**JARS OF HOPE:** If you heard John Wallace's sermon on the First Sunday of Lent, you may be wondering which charity to support during these forty days. This year, we are dedicating the Jars of Hope to **WaterAid** and the work they do to bring clean water to communities around the world. Labels for your collection jars (or envelopes if you prefer) are available on the sideman's table. Please bring your finished jars to church at Easter. Thank you for your generosity and support.

**EASTER READINGS:** Please sign up on the board in church if you would like to read at the Holy Week services including the Maundy Thursday Foot washing Service and Vigil. Do take a services card for Holy Week and one for a friend.

**FLOWERS FOR EASTER:** We would be grateful if you would like to make a donation towards All Saints Easter flowers. Alternatively, why not donate a minimum of £2.00 (**per name**) towards a flower in memory of those who will not be celebrating Easter with us this year. All the names will be written up and placed in the South Transept. Please put your name and telephone number, together with the name of the person you would like remembered, with your donation in an envelope and hand into the office.

**EASTER SUNDAY:** Don't forget to bring your Bonnets for the Easter Parade!

**JEWELLERY & ACCESSORIES:** We will be having a jewellery stall again at the Summer fete in July. If you have any unwanted jewellery & accessories (e.g. scarves & handbags) please give them to either Maggie or Pauline. Thank you. 07968746618.

**EDUCATIONAL TRAILS:** We are looking for an old pole-style gazebo (not the telescopic style) that we could repurpose for our school trails. Please speak to the office if you are able to help.

**BIBLE BOOK CLUB:** Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April, 7pm in the Chesterfield Room, upstairs in the Dorothy Hall suite. We will be discussing the gospel of Matthew. The one after that will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> May and we will be discussing the Song of Solomon (Song of Songs) and Ecclesiastes. Both meetings may move to the Saunders Room downstairs on the ground floor up the external flight of steps if that proves easier for all!

**MAY DAY:** Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May is always a busy time in the Coffee Shop. We would therefore be grateful for any extra homemade cakes that could be made for this event. The hospitality that the Coffee shop provides especially the homemade cakes are very much appreciated by our customers, and the revenue provides much needed funds for the church. Cakes could be brought in on either the Saturday or Sunday before. As in the past we also need help on the day and a rota will be put up on the kitchen door to sign up for an hour (or more). With many thanks in advance. The Coffee shop Managers.

**PULFORD PRE-SCHOOL:** The next prospective parents open afternoon for Pulford Pre-School is 6<sup>th</sup> May between 3.45pm and 4.15pm. Please contact the school for more information.

Dear Friends,

This weekend we have an opportunity to step out from Lent.

Mother's Day is often called refreshment Sunday. Yes, it is permissible to eat and drink all those things that you gave up for one day. There are several schools of thoughts on this. One is that we are not like Jesus going into the wilderness for 40 days and 40 nights and living on virtually nothing. We are on the other hand unable to manage more than 20 days and for some perhaps not even that. So refreshment Sunday it is .

At the same time we can re-evaluate how we have been doing over the last few weeks and whether, as we approach Passiontide, we now want to do things a little differently.

I said in my sermon last week that sadly, we are all sinners most of the time because we are human. However, part of Lent is to look deeply into ourselves to really say sorry to God knowing that through the water of baptism he forgives us. So refreshment Sunday it is.....

We also celebrate the joy of motherhood on this Sunday. It comes with a mixed blessing because not all of us have or had a good relationship with their mother so it can invoke all sorts of difficult memories. However, regardless of our relationship with our mothers, good or bad, we have the mother of all mothers to look up to, Mary. We will ponder a little more in Holy Week about Mary, but Jesus on the cross said to the friends that were sat around the cross "Behold, here is your mother".

For those of you who are seeing family this weekend, may you have a happy and blessed time and for all of us may we come closer to God over the coming days and weeks as we journey through our pilgrimage and ultimately to the cross.

God Bless,  
David

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*Rest Day - Monday*