

## History of Mothering Sunday

During the sixteenth century, people returned to their mother church, the main church or cathedral of the area, for a service to be held on Laetare Sunday (fourth Sunday in Lent). This was either the church where you were baptised, or the local parish church, or more often the nearest cathedral. Anyone who did this was commonly said to have gone "a-mothering", although whether this term preceded the observance of Mothering Sunday is unclear. In later times, Mothering Sunday became a day when domestic servants were given a day off to visit their mother church, usually with their own mothers and other family members. It was often the only time that whole families could gather together, since on other days they were prevented by conflicting working hours, and servants were not given free days on other occasions.

Children and young people who were "in service" (as household servants) were given a day off on that date so they could visit their families (or, originally, return to their "mother" church). The children would pick wild flowers along the way to place in the church or give to their mothers. Eventually, the religious tradition evolved into the Mothering Sunday secular tradition of giving gifts to mothers.

By the 1920s the custom of keeping Mothering Sunday had tended to lapse in Ireland and in continental Europe. In 1914, inspired by Anna Jarvis's efforts in the United States, Constance Penswick-Smith created the Mothering Sunday Movement, and in 1921 she wrote a book asking for the revival of the festival; Constance was the daughter of the vicar of Coddington, Nottinghamshire, and there is a memorial in Coddington's church. Its widescale revival was through the influence of American and Canadian soldiers serving abroad during World War II; the traditions of Mothering Sunday, still practised by the Church of England and Church of Ireland were merged with the newly imported traditions and celebrated in the wider Catholic and secular society. UK-based merchants saw the commercial opportunity in the holiday and relentlessly promoted it in the UK; by the 1950s, it was celebrated across all the UK.

People from Ireland and the UK started celebrating Mother's Day on the same day that Mothering Sunday was celebrated, the fourth Sunday in Lent. The two celebrations have now been mixed up, and many people think that they are the same thing.

Mothering Sunday remains in the calendar of some Canadian Anglican churches, particularly those with strong English connections

## Christmas Market 2017

We would like to start our preparation for the Christmas Market earlier this year.

Do you knit, crochet, sew, paint or draw? Would you be able to make dolls clothes, toys, scarves, hats? Or are you able to make items of woodwork, pottery or jewellery. Our market is very popular with the local community and we need more items to sell so we don't sell out!

Handmade is so much better than shop bought so please help if you can. We are very lucky to have so many talented people at St. Peter's.

Please speak to Teresa or Julia for more information.



# S A I N T P E T E R C H A I L E Y

## NEWS IN THE PEWS

# Welcome

**SUNDAY 26th March**

*Liturgical Year A*

**PRIEST IN CHARGE ..**

*Revd John Miller-Maskell*

*The Fourth Sunday of Lent*



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### Today's Readings

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**8am**

Ephesians 5: 8-14

John 9

**10.00am**

1 Samuel 1: 20—end

Luke 2: 33-38

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### Today's Hymns

**1st Hymn 902**

**2nd Hymn 124**

**3rd Hymn 1158**

**4th Hymn 559**

**Lord of all hopefulness**

**Give thanks with a grateful heart**

**All my days**

**To God be the glory**

### NEXT WEEKS SERVICES

**2nd April**

**8am Holy Communion (BCP)**

**10am Family Communion**

**LADIES PRAYER GROUP** meets Tuesdays at 10am  
 28th March..Paula Fanthorpe, The Timbers, South Chailey  
 4th April..Brenda Martin, Northfields, North Chailey  
 11th April..Margaret Smith..Ferndale, North Chailey  
 18th April Janet Barnes, Ty Gwyn, Lower Station Road  
 25th April...Monica Todd, 36 High Hurst Close, Newick  
 2nd May...Margaret Smith, 7 Chequers Way, Crowborough  
 9th May ....Joy Partridge, Millridge, Lower Station Road  
 16th May...Teresa Wenban, Greenway Cottage, Piltdown  
 For more information call Teresa on 01825 722586

We would welcome some new faces at our group. Our meetings are informal and prayers are based on those known to us, who need our prayers and support. These names are strictly confidential. We have had many occasions when our prayers have been answered. We finish our meetings with refreshments at approx 11.30am. If you have any prayer requests please write them on a fish and leave on the net at the back of church.



In your prayers this week please remember those who are ill especially  
**Amy Luddington, Stephen & Julie, William Hobday, Troy, Jenny Barbour, Olive Milam, Vera Yeowart, Brenda Ford, Stephen Fowler, Rosemary Walker, Lou Pike, Gemma Peacock, Charlie Hill and Suzie Novis.**

We pray too for the recently departed, and for all those whose anniversaries fall at this time, may they rest in peace and rise in glory.

**LENT COURSE: The Conker Room, St Mary's, Barcombe on Thursday evenings, 7-9pm. The course is 'a bible overview'**

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

- March 28th...PCC Meeting 8pm
- 20th April..Lunch Club
- April 23rd..APCM 11.30am
- May 6th...Mid Sussex Choir Concert (Church) 7.30pm
- June 4th..Coro Nuovo Young Musician Bursary Competition
- July 22nd..Summer event (information to follow)
- October 28th...Ceilidh

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WEBSITE: There is a lot of information on our website, which we keep updated. It can be found on [www.stpeterschailey.org](http://www.stpeterschailey.org)

Our safeguarding recruiter (child protection officer) is Margaret Smith. She can be contacted on 07716 109883

**Healing Ministry:-**

**John has been asked by the diocese to run a course on 'Growing a Healing Ministry'. Before taking it out into the diocese he would like to run it past a group of his own congregation. This will involve 5 weekly sessions of 2 hours. It could also be done over two days i.e Friday/Saturday, or two Saturdays. Would you be a willing volunteer? Please let John know.**

**Bible Book Club**

**The idea of this is to choose a book from the bible. The group study this for a month and then get together over coffee and cake to discuss that book. A new book is chosen for the following month and so on. Please again let us know if you would like to participate in this group. It will for now replace the Bible Study group that was running.**

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 \* God is a lamp to light my path when I cannot see, \*  
 \* He makes the darkness turn to morn, my God is leading me. \*  
 \* His comfort with the rod and staff, gives courage along the way, \*  
 \* God is a lamp to light my path, I need to trust, obey. \*  
 \* And when it seems the darkest night and I cannot find my way, \*  
 \* I hear Him whisper, "It's all right, just look to Me, and pray." \*  
 \* Soon 'twill be morning; the sun will rise, night will be no more. \*  
 \* God is a lamp to light my path, 'Til I reach that shining shore. \*  
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