

# **THE BENEFICE OF MINCHINHAMPTON WITH BOX AND AMBERLEY**

*Accept and share the generosity of God's love.*

**The Fourth Sunday of Lent  
MOTHERING SUNDAY**

**11th March 2018**

A warm welcome to our services, especially if you are here for the first time. Everyone baptised or who normally receives in their own church, including children, may receive the bread and wine at the altar. If you require a gluten free wafer, please indicate this at the altar rail. There is one chalice of non-alcoholic wine available, please indicate at the altar if you would prefer this option. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please carry the service booklet with you when you go up to the altar.

## **Readings for Today**

First Reading: Exodus 2. 1 - 10

Second Reading: Colossians 3. 12 - 17    Gospel: John 19. 25b - 27

## **MOTHERING SUNDAY**

Like many traditions and festivities, Mothering Sunday began with a religious purpose. Held on the fourth Sunday in Lent, exactly three weeks before Easter Sunday, it was originally a day to honour and give thanks to Mary, Jesus' mother. A tradition has grown up when we remember Mary, the mother of Jesus, and her example of motherhood. We also celebrate mothers and those with a mothering role. Our Gospel is very short and filled with compassion as Mary stands at the foot of the cross with all who know the cost of caring and the vulnerability risked, in the role of mothering. During the 16<sup>th</sup> century, 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. The servants and children would pick wild flowers along the way to place in the church or give to their mothers. One's 'mother church' was either the church where one was baptised or the local parish church, or the nearest cathedral (the latter being the mother church of all the parish churches in a diocese). Anyone who did this was commonly said to have gone "a-mothering", although whether this term preceded the observance of Mothering Sunday is unclear. Mother's Day is a celebration honouring the mother of the family, as well as motherhood, maternal bonds, and the influence of mothers in society. The pivotal role of being a mother is still the divine mission assigned to women alone. It illustrates the influence a mother plays to her child and in the long run to the society; that as a mother strives to nurture and teach a child, she explicitly makes the world a much better place.

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## SERVICES AT OUR CHURCHES TODAY

### HOLY TRINITY, MINCHINHAMPTON

There is a loop system for those with hearing aids.

8am Eucharist  
President: Revd Sandy Emery Preacher: Revd Alison Guy

10am Parish Eucharist – All Age  
President: Revd Sandy Emery Talk: Revd Sandy Emery

Hymns: 260, 253i, 530

5.30pm Said Evening Prayer

### ST BARNABAS, BOX

9am Eucharist  
President & Preacher: Revd Alison Guy

Hymns: 619 *omit* \* v, 109, 253 *tune 1*, 574

### HOLY TRINITY, AMBERLEY

8am Said Communion  
President & Preacher: Revd John Spiers

10am Non Eucharist  
Second Sunday Team

### NOTICES –

TRAIDCRAFT - There will be a Traidcraft stall *today* after the 10am service in the Porch Room. Lots of cards, chocolates and all the usual groceries and you can order your Easter eggs!! Please come along and support Traidcraft.

LENT LUNCHES - 14th, and 21st March. All welcome please come along and have your lunch with us.

LENT GROUPS - have started: it is never too late to join in. Sign up lists are on the Notice Board. The booklet is "On the Third Day" - £3. If you are not attending a group you can still purchase a booklet, ask Sandy.

LENT - with the success of the God With Us Christmas campaign the Church of England has produced a booklet for Lent called 'Live Lent Let Your Light Shine': available in the Porch Room. However, you could join in online and download resources, including a five session Lent course, visit [www.churchofengland.org/Lent](http://www.churchofengland.org/Lent)

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES - Children's Society boxes are due for emptying. Will the box holders deliver their boxes to Ben Codling or a Church Warden at the 10am service on Sundays after March 11. If this is not possible phone 01453-884229 and arrangements will be made for collection. If you would like to hold a box for house collection please contact Ben Codling.

MOTHERS UNION - Wednesday March 21 at 7pm - Porch Room - All welcome.

PLAYING YOUR PART IN HOLY WEEK –

**Palm Sunday dramatic reading of the Gospel** – we need about eight people to take roles in reading the Passion Gospel at the 10 am service on Sunday March 25. Most roles are small but the mix of voices adds to the drama. Please speak to Margaret Sheather if you are interested.

**Maundy Thursday foot washing** - twelve people have the chance to experience this moving part of the Maundy Thursday Eucharist, which this year is being led by Revd John Ansell. Please sign the list on the notice board if you would like to have your feet washed.

**Watch at the Altar of Repose** – the Maundy Thursday service ends with the church in darkness except for the candlelight of the Altar of Repose, where we watch through the night with Jesus before his arrest and crucifixion. Please sign the list on the notice board if you can take part in this.

LILIES FOR LOVED ONES - This Easter we will again have a display of lilies in remembrance of someone special. Those wishing for their loved ones to be remembered in this way should give the name of that person to either Mrs Virginia Lloyd (873404) or Mrs Deborah Smith (883611), together with any appropriate donation (cash or cheque). Cheques should be made payable to Minchinhampton Church Flower Guild. We are looking for **new members** - if anyone would like to join the happy band of flower arrangers in the Church, we would love to hear from you. Contact Kathy Hurst: [kathy@63windmillroad.co.uk](mailto:kathy@63windmillroad.co.uk) (882960).

COACH TRIPS – Jaguar Land Rover Factory ‘Metal and Magic’ manufacturing Tour on Wed March 21. Stow on the Wold – coffee and lunch followed by PM in NT Buscot Park on Wed April 25. Please Contact Ian Jarvis. [ian@abbeyhall.info](mailto:ian@abbeyhall.info) 01453 833131.

BUILDING WORKS UPDATE completion is happening! The Rood Screen is now finished having had all of the top carvings replaced. Also the chancel floor which is looking very good with the insertion of tiles to match the Victorian originals. The Trinity sign on the stone floor is now in place as work progresses down the middle of the nave. The under floor heating is laid in four sections in the nave. It has to remain off in the areas where stone has just recently been laid allowing for natural drying out. Thank you to the weekly dusters and hooverers and to everyone for your ongoing support.

CHAIR AND CHOIR STAND sponsorship. All twelve of the choir stands have now been sponsored. Thank you to the people who have been so generous. There are still chairs, with or without plaques, looking for sponsors. A very special way to remember a loved one or a special event. Chair leaflets are available in the Porch room and also on line.

## **THIS WEEK**

**8.30am Eucharist (Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat) in the Porch Room, Parish Church 5.30pm Evening Prayer daily (Mon - Sat, 4.30pm on Fridays)**

13TH TUES	2.30pm	Lent Group - Porch Room
	4pm	Flower Guild Meeting – Porch Room
	7.30pm	Standing Committee Meeting
14TH WED	8am	Eucharist - St Barnabas, Box
	10-12pm	Benefice Wide Safeguarding Training Day - Amberley
	11am	Eucharist (BCP) – Porch Room
	11am	Holy Communion at Cecily Court
	12pm	Lent Lunch – Porch Room
	2-3pm	Quarter Peal – Cheltenham Bell Ringers – Parish Church
	2.30pm	Wednesday Cuppa – Porch Room
	7pm	Pastoral Care Team Meeting – Porch Room
16TH FRI	11.30am	Quarter Peal - Exeter St. Mark Bell Ringers - Parish Church
	5.30pm	Junior Choir Practice – Porch Room
	6pm	Adult Choir Practice – Parish Church
	7.30pm	Bell Ringers Practice – Parish Church

**NEXT SUNDAY 18TH MARCH – The Fifth Sunday of Lent  
Passiontide Begins**

### **HOLY TRINITY, MINCHINHAMPTON**

8am	Eucharist President Revd John Ansell Preacher: Reader Linda Jarvis
10am	Sung Eucharist President: Revd John Ansell Preacher: Reader Linda Jarvis
5.30pm	Sung Evensong Office & Preacher: Revd John Hunnisett

### **ST BARNABAS, BOX**

9am	Eucharist President: Canon Mike Tucker Preacher: Reader Linda Jarvis
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### **HOLY TRINITY, AMBERLEY**

8am	Said Communion 1662 President & Preacher: Revd John Spiers
10am	Parish Eucharist President & Preacher: Revd John Spiers