

PRIMLEY CHURCH - MARCH 2026

Please remember those of our congregation and those known to us personally who are unwell, bereaved or struggling:

March 8th & 22nd - Bread Church in the Church Hall @ 12midday

March 1st - Community Friendship Lunch @ 12.15pm

March 2nd - "Big Brew" (Fairtrade) Primley 2.30 -4pm

March 2nd-6th - "Keswick in Devon" - All Saints, Sidmouth

ROTA 2026					
MARCH	1 st	8 th	15 th	22 nd	29 th
Elder	Richard	Roger	Barbara	Maggie	Richard
Door Stewards	Sue	Alison	Chrissy	Barbara	Sue
COMMUNION - Roger & Marilyn					
MARCH			PREACHERS		
1 st			Rev Andrew Norman Friendship Lunch		
8 th			Rev Sabrina Groschel		
15 th			John Bellamy Mothering Sunday		
22 nd			Rev Aiyana Gardner-Houghton		
29 th			Rev Robert Jennings Palm Sunday/ Communion		

MOTHERING SUNDAY (MARCH 15th)

For many years the Fourth Sunday in Lent has been observed as Mothering Sunday. The tradition arose from a sentence in Paul's Letter to the Galatians. In it Paul writes of "Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all".

Jesus Christ gave us a new commandment..... to love others as he loved his disciples, and as he loves us. And if we look at that love, it is an utterly radical call to love others - ALL others. Notice this is a commandment and not merely a suggestion. Jesus welcomed, accepted, and loved all. Romans, lepers, tax collectors, those who were marginalised on the grounds of gender or ethnicity, even those who denied and betrayed him.

This love that we're commanded to show others, we're called to extend, even and perhaps especially, to those who may not show love to us. And we're called to love practically. As we celebrate the blessing of mothering, and of those who have mothered us, we recall Jesus' mothering of those around him. He touched people, he fed them, he washed their feet ... he cared practically for people. We follow a Saviour who spoke of himself using the image of a mother hen gathering her chicks under her wings.

Mothering Sunday may be a joyous day for you, or it may be a time of sadness or regret - but we have a Saviour who walked in our footsteps and understands the complexity of human love and human suffering.

We too can walk alongside each other in times of both joy and pain, sharing in our confusion and uncertainty.

But we give thanks to God who gives us New Birth, and for the Church which, like a mother, nurtures us in the life of the Spirit.

In all that you will share on Mothering Sunday, above all, may you know the peace and the personal love of God.

Please contact Maggie for anything you wish to be announced each month: maggieknights@hotmail.com, 01395 597464 or 07980 581731
