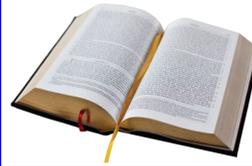


This week's service

Today's Mothering Sunday service is led by Debbie Patrick with Rev Bex Allpress preaching

Sunday 27th March 2022

This week's reading



Matthew 12: 46-50

A thought from Bex

Mothering Sunday is a celebration of those people who have made a positive difference in our lives by being a 'good mother' to us. This kind of person may or may not be related to us but they are someone we trust to be there when we need them, whether that's to offer good advice, to help us celebrate in life achievements or to help us heal from a myriad of wounds.

When we stop to think about some of the mother figures in the bible, such as Mary, Eve, Hannah, Leah and Naomi, we see some enriched women who have the gifts of endurance, perseverance, faithfulness, prayerfulness, resilience and love. Their focus on God regardless of their situations is admirable. Drawing on these examples, let us appreciate more those brilliant people who have touched our lives who we see as our mothers. Let us celebrate to God with thankful hearts the blessing of such people in our lives, both past and present.

Praying for Ukraine (suggestion from tearfund)

The Bible can help guide us in prayer – especially in tough situations when it can be difficult to find the right words.

- Slowly read the passage through and familiarise yourself with it.
- Read it for a second time. You may want to speak it out loud. Think about the specific needs of the people in Ukraine, those who have fled and the role of the church in this region.
- Before reading it for a third time, pause and ask the Holy Spirit to highlight a word or line to you. Ask God why this was highlighted for you. Continue to listen to God and to the Holy Spirit. This may be through pictures, words or more scripture. If praying as a group, share with each other how God is speaking. End by thanking God for working in and through you.

Isaiah 61:1-4

The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners,² to proclaim the year of the LORD's favour and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn,³ and provide for those who grieve in Zion - to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendour.⁴ They will rebuild the ancient ruins and restore the places long devastated; they will renew the ruined cities that have been devastated for generations.

Church diary for the next month

Sunday 3rd April
10:45 Morning Worship
 led by Nigel Worth with Sandra O'Toole preaching
Followed by APCM at 12noon

Sunday 10th April
10:45 Morning Worship
 led by Debbie Patrick with Nigel Worth preaching

Sunday 17th April
Joint Easter service with Gresley at St Peter's Hartshorne
 led by Nigel Worth with Rev Mike Firbank preaching

Sunday 24th April
10:45 Morning Worship
 led by Sandra O'Toole with Debbie Patrick preaching

Sunday 1st May
10:45 Morning Worship
 led by Nigel Worth with Sean O'Toole preaching

Sunday 8th May
10:45 Morning Worship
 led by Debbie Patrick with Sandra O'Toole preaching

Exciting News !

Mike had a call from the Diocese before Christmas asking if we could please take another curate to train locally. We are such a good place for people to come and train in because we work so well together and because we have so much going on.

So.. Sam will join us in July as a newly ordained Deacon (as our current Minster curate, Bex, is ordained Priest). Sam, like Bex, will work across our 4 churches, across the Minster. Sam is 26 and has been studying at Queen's Theological College in Birmingham. You will get a chance to meet her when she joins us for our joint Minster service at the end of May. The team grows and the Lord is good!

Who do we support?

Every month 10% of the money given to St Peter's church is shared between the following charities: Swadlincote & District Youth for Christ, Open Doors, Tear Fund, Swadlincote Food Bank, Care Fund & Family Fund.

The church can offer support to those experiencing financial hardship with emergency help from either the Care Fund or Family Fund? For more information please have a word with Nigel or Deb Worth.

If you would like to make a donation to the Care Fund or Family Fund please place it in a marked envelope in the collection bag at the back of church. Thank you

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Sunday 3rd April

Everyone is invited to our Annual Church Meeting which will take place after the service on Sunday 3rd April.

If you want to take an active part and vote on any matters you need to have your name on the church electoral roll.

If you lead a group or activity please send your report to Christine for inclusion in the APCM.

HELP NEEDED

Would you like to enjoy a cup of tea or coffee after the service? We have started serving refreshments again but still need more volunteers willing to go on the rota. If you would like help, please have a word with Sean.



Cleaning Rota

Please clean the church before the date marked. Please swap with someone else on the rota if you cannot clean during your week.

3rd April	Jane
10th April	Bill
17th April	Val & Andy
24th April	Nige & Deb
1st May	Christine
8th May	Deb P & Alicia
15th May	Jane
22nd May	Bill