

What is 'Mothering'?



Mothering Sunday 2026

ALL-AGES TOGETHER EUCHARIST

Welcome to those collecting their baptism candles:

Winifred Elizabeth Wyatt – baptized on 2nd November 2025

Raymond George Collins – baptized on 7th December 2025

GLUTEN-FREE COMMUNION – If you are Coeliac or Wheat Intolerant and would like to receive G/F Communion, please speak to a sidesperson or server before the service. You will be given a green card, which you should carry to the communion rail and show clearly to the priest. Please leave your card at the end of the service.

A COLLECTION is not taken, however there is an offertory plate by the door for use either before or after the service. Please fill in a Gift Aid envelope if possible, so we can reclaim the tax. Alternatively, if you would like to join the PARISH GIVING SCHEME there are forms at the back of the church. If you need assistance please see one of the stewards or churchwardens.

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WE GATHER

Informal words of welcome.....

Please stand

Hymn: **Lord, the light of your love is shining;
in the midst of the darkness, shining.
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us.
Set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me.**

*Shine, Jesus, shine,
fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit, blaze,
set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth your word
Lord, and let there be light.*

**Lord, I come to your awesome presence;
from the shadows into your radiance.
By your blood I may enter your brightness;
search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me.**

Refrain

**As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
so our faces display your likeness.
Ever changing from glory to glory,
mirrored here may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me.**

Refrain

The Lord be with you
And also with you

Saying Sorry:

Your love gives us life from the moment of conception.
We fail to live as your children.
Lord have mercy.
Lord have mercy.

You call us to do good. We seek our own good.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ have mercy.

You hear us when we cry for help.
We ignore the cries of others.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord have mercy.

May God, the Father of all mercies,
forgive us all we have done wrong and restore us in his image,
so that we might live and love in better ways. **Amen.**

The Prayer of the Day:

Loving God,
you sent your son to be part of a human family.
Strengthen us as we share family life together,
in our homes and in this church,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Please sit



WE LISTEN

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 2:1-10

A reading from the book of Exodus

Birth and Youth of Moses

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Please stand

**Hymn: Make me a channel of your peace.
 Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
 Where there is injury, your pardon Lord,
 and where there's doubt, true faith in you.**

*O, Master grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved, as to love with all my soul.*

**Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness only light,
and where there's sadness, ever joy.**

Refrain

**Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.**

Please remain standing

Gospel Reading: John 19:25b-27

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
Glory to you, O Lord.

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit

Talk

Please stand



WE RESPOND

Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Prayers for Others

Please stand

Sharing the Peace:

Through the prophet Isaiah, God says, 'As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you.'

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace

**Hymn: Brother, sister let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.**

**We are pilgrims on a journey
fellow trav'lers on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.**

**I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.**

**I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.**

When we sing to God in heaven
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, sister let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.



WE REMEMBER

The Lord is here
His Spirit is with us

Lift up your hearts
We lift them up to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
It is right to give thanks and praise

Here is the table set for our special meal.
The bread, the wine, prepared and presented.
Ready to be served and shared.
We remember Jesus sharing a meal like this
with his friends.

He included everyone, those he could trust and those he could not trust.
Today we are his friends.
Each one of us is welcome.
How wonderful it is to be loved and welcomed.
How wonderful it is to be included just exactly as we are.

When Jesus shared the bread with his friends,
he explained that he is the Bread of Life.
Like bread, Jesus nourishes and strengthens us.
When we eat the bread together, we are
strengthened as a community to remember Jesus
and do the things Jesus would do in our world.
On that night when Jesus was betrayed,
at supper with his friends
he took bread, and gave you thanks, O Father;
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:
This is my body, broken for you. Eat it to remember me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him;
his body is the bread of life.**

Jesus also used a cup of wine to teach his disciples.
He compared the wine to blood, to help us
remember him and the suffering in the world.
Drinking the wine together helps us remember
that we are all part of a new covenant, with God.
God loves us so much that when we make mistakes,
or bad choices, God forgives us every time.

At the end of that supper with his friends,
taking the cup of wine, Jesus gave you thanks O God and said;
Drink this all of you. This is my blood, which is shed for you
for the forgiveness of all your sins.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him;
his blood is shed for all.**

This is ordinary bread and ordinary wine.
But when we eat the bread and drink the wine together,
something extraordinary happens which brings us
closer to God and to one another.
We become the 'Body of Christ.'
Send your Holy Spirit upon us O God
and upon this bread and wine
that they may be to us the body and blood
of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy gifts, make us one in Christ.

With your whole Church throughout the world, and with the
angels and archangels, we sing your hymn of praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Please sit

The Lord's Prayer

As Christ taught us, so we pray

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory
Are yours now and forever. Amen.**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

We then sing

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

God's holy gifts for God's holy people
**Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Filling our Memory Vases



*If you cannot come forward for communion, we can bring the
bread and wine to you.*

*If you would like to receive a blessing instead of bread and wine,
please bring this booklet with you.*

***Please indicate by pointing right if you'd prefer to drink from
the common cup, otherwise your wafer will be dipped in the
wine by the priest.***

During the distribution, music will be played and/or singing.



WE GO OUT

We have celebrated God's love for us, brought our gifts, shared
food and wine together, sung our hymns and remembered God.

**As we go out into the world,
to our homes, our places of work and leisure,
may God help us to live lives that are filled with hope and joy.
May we go out to share and to give, to bless and to love,
through Jesus, our friend and Saviour. Amen.**

Notices

Welcome & Giving of a Baptism Candle to Winnie and Raymond:

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:
Winnie and Raymond by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.

**We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;
we are children of the same heavenly Father;
we welcome you.**

Applause, cheering!

Winifred and Raymond, you have received the light of Christ;
walk in this light all the days of your life.

Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father

**Hymn: Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
 Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
 tender to me the promise of his Word;
 in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm
has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name, the Lord, the mighty one.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;
proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight;
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.**

**Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and forevermore!**

Blessing:

May God, who gave birth to all creation, bless you:
may God, who became incarnate by an earthly mother,
bless you: may God, who broods as a mother over her children,
bless you. May almighty God bless you, Father, Son and Holy
Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the world
In the name of Christ. Amen