

St Mary the Virgin, Ringmer

MOTHERING SUNDAY

30th MARCH 2025



10.00am Eucharist for Lent

If you need a Gluten Free wafer, please let a sidesperson know

Readers:	Anne Stamper and Ruth Peters
Readings:	1 Samuel 1.20-28, Colossians 3.12-17, Luke 2.33-35
Intercessions:	Martine Bailey
Chalice:	Ray Brenton and Pauline Porter
Sidespeople:	Hugh and Martine Bailey
Hymns:	739, 136, 448, 394
Anthem:	Such Love arranged by Rosemary Colebourn

Such love pure as the whitest snow,
Such love weeps for the shame I know,
Such love paying the debt I owe. O Jesus such love.

Such love, stilling my restlessness, Such love, filling my emptiness,
Such love, sowing me holiness. O Jesus, such love.

Such love, springs from eternity, Such love, streaming through history,
Such love, fountain of life to me. O Jesus, such love.

Voluntary:	Dolce from Organ symphony no. 4 by Charles-Marie Widor
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6.30pm Taizé-style service – see separate leaflet

Reader:	Hugh or Martine Bailey
Sidesperson:	Martine and Hugh Bailey

Collect

God of love,
passionate and strong,
tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us
all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast
you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life:
help us who have tasted your goodness
to grow in grace within the household of faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Please pray for

Our District Council and Councillors
People living in Harrisons Lane
In memory: Geoffrey James (30/3)

Morning Prayer is said in church most mornings Monday – Saturday 8.30am and the daily set psalms and readings for next week are:

Monday – 77; Jeremiah 17.5-18, John 9.8-end
Tuesday – Psalm 79; Jeremiah 18.1-12, John 10.1-10
Wednesday – Psalm 63; Jeremiah 18.13-end, John 10.11-21
Thursday – Psalm 86; Jeremiah 19.1-12, John 10.22-end
Friday – Psalm 102; Jeremiah 19.14-20.6, John 11.1-6
Saturday – Psalm 32; Jeremiah 20.7-end, John 11.17-27

This Week in Lent

Wednesday 2nd April 5.00pm - Stations of the Cross in church. A traditional selection from the events of Our Lord's Passion and Resurrection with a short liturgy or a brief reading followed by a meditation at each 'station'.

Thursday 3rd April 4.00pm until 5.30pm in the Church Room the fourth in our series of Lent Studies entitled 'I Believe-exploring BIG themes from the Nicene Creed'. Revd David will be leading us through this course. Do come and join us. NB – no refreshments this week.

Friday 4th April between 12 noon and 1.30pm there is a Simple Lent Lunch in the Church Room, this week hosted by . Come and join us. There is no charge but donations for the Disaster Fund will be welcome. This fund enables us to respond quickly to emergency appeals.

Don't forget the concert by the pupils of Luckley House School in Church on **Thursday 3rd April** starting at 7.30pm. This is a ticketless, free concert but donations for St Mary's are encouraged!

There will be refreshments after the concert and if you are able to provide cakes/biscuits that would be wonderful. Contributions can be left on the cupboards in the church room corridor during the day.

St Mary's Parochial Church Council will meet on Monday 7th April at 2.00pm in the Church Room. There is a draft agenda in the porch. If you have items for raising with the PCC, please email pccsecretary@ringmerchurch.org.uk or write to Meriel Vincent at 7a Gote Lane, BN8 5HX.

Easter Lilies - As in previous years, small donations towards the cost of these and other flowers would be most welcome and can be given to Deirdre Booth at the 10.00am service or put in an envelope in the collection plate marked 'Deirdre Easter flowers'. If you wish to record a dedication to a loved one, there is a little book on the prayer table.

Have you signed up for the new Electoral Roll? All existing names are removed and anyone who wishes to be on the Electoral Roll will need to complete a new application form. The list will close on Sunday 13th April so we all need to re-apply. Application forms and data consent forms are at the back of the church, and can be put in the marked box when completed, or apply electronically via iknowchurch or use the QR code attached.



Easter Fun Day – Wednesday 9th April from 12.30-4pm in the Village Hall. Extra pairs of hands making lunch from 11.30am, setting up and tidying away at 4pm are always welcome. Let Marisa know if you're able to help and please pray for success. Marisa also hopes you are collecting newspapers, magazines with colourful pictures, signs of spring etc, toilet roll and kitchen roll tubes, yoghurt pots, colourful yarn. She will let you know when she wants them.

Caring & Sharing Coffee Morning - **postponed** from *Saturday, 26th April*, to **Saturday, 10th May**. It will still be held in the Church Room, 10am-12pm, with our guest speaker, Greg Norris, UK Chairman of Hamlin Fistula Hospital. We hope you can make this new date.

Please see separate sheet for Readings and Gospel



Eco Tip - Chocolate Easter Eggs

CALENDAR FOR THE COMING WEEK		
Monday	10.00am	Social Prescribers in the Church Room
Tuesday	10.00am	Art Group meets in the Church Room
	11.00am	Holy Communion at Parris Lawn
	12.30pm	AA meet in the Church Room
Wednesday	10.00am	Art Group 2 meets in Church Room
	10.00am	Coffee Break in Alan West Room in VH
	10.30am	Toddlers in Symons Hall in VH
	5.00pm	'Stations of the Cross' in church
	7.30pm	Bellringing Practice
Thursday	10.00am	Social Prescribers in Church Room
	10.00am	Said Eucharist in Lady Chapel
	4.00pm	Lent Course in the Church Room
	7.30pm	Concert by Luckley House School
Friday	12-1.30	Lent Lunch in the Church Room
	6.30pm	Choir Practice
Passion Sunday	10.00am	FirstSunday@10 service
	6.30pm	Eucharist for Lent

We all love chocolate and look forward to the promise of Easter eggs, with shops now full of chocolate eggs. But there are problems with the way cocoa is produced and traded. To shop sustainably it is worth consulting the chocolate scorecard ([chocolate scorecard.com](http://chocolate.scorecard.com)). Manufacturers and retailers are assessed on environmental and social factors; deforestation and traceability of the cocoa product to country of origin. West African cocoa provides 70% of world supplies but in the last 60 years Cote d'Ivoire and Ghana have lost 80% - 94% of their forests, and a third was cleared for cocoa farms. Another issue is providing a living income for farmers and the reduction of child labour: 83% of companies state a living income is a human right but only 6 companies claim they are paying 100% of their farmers a living income. Elimination of child labour is in place but monitoring and verification needs to improve. The **scorecard** can be searched by manufacturer or retailer for an overall result or by into key indicators. Look for a green or amber rating or at least aim to avoid the brands with red ratings!

Eco Church Team