



Mothering  
Sunday



Parish of Christchurch

We welcome you to St George's Church  
this Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2018,  
the Fourth Sunday of Lent, and  
Mothering Sunday.

We welcome our President for today's service,  
Rev David Lund.

A COLLECT FOR MOTHERING SUNDAY:

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.

READINGS SET FOR TODAY:

Old Testament: Exodus 2; 1-10  
New Testament: 2 Corinthians 1; 3-7  
Gospel: John 19; 25b-27

TODAY'S HYMNS

All things bright and beautiful
God, you hold me, like a mother
He's got the whole world in his hands
Think of a world without any flowers
CHOIR PIECE
As we are gathered, Jesus is here
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord

On Thursday, the Church celebrated the life and work of Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy, better known to the older generation as "WOODBINE WILLIE". Born in 1883, Studdert Kennedy was a young vicar in Worcester who became an army chaplain during the First World War. His warm personality soon earned him the respect of soldiers, who nicknamed him 'Woodbine Willie' after the brand of cigarettes he shared with them. After the First World War he became a writer and regular preacher, drawing large crowds, who were attracted by his combination of traditional sacramental theology with unconventional theological views. He worked tirelessly for the Christian Industrial Fellowship, but his frail health gave way and he died (still a young man) on 8<sup>th</sup> March 1929.

Tickets for the 2018 Music Festival are now on sale, and don't forget that the very first concert of the festival will take place at St George's on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June at 12.30pm. Tickets will not be necessary for this as it will be a FREE CONCERT. There will, however, be a retiring collection.

Just a reminder that the Red Beaker is at the back of the church for cash contributions to the work of the Christchurch Food Bank. Of course, you can still donate food in the usual way.

MOTHER'S DAY, whilst being celebrated in the UK on the same date as Mothering Sunday, is a different festival altogether, but Mother's Day is celebrated on many different days depending on where you are in the world; it could be any time between the second Sunday of February and 22<sup>nd</sup> December, with the vast majority of countries celebrating on the Second Sunday of May. Mother's Day was founded in 1908 by American Anna Jarvis, who held a memorial for her mother at St Andrew's Methodist Church in [Grafton, West Virginia](#). St Andrew's Methodist Church now holds the [International Mother's Day Shrine](#). Her campaign to make "Mother's Day" a recognized holiday in the United States began in 1905, the year her mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, died. Ann Jarvis had been a peace activist who cared for wounded soldiers on both sides of the [American Civil War](#), and created Mother's Day Work Clubs to address public health issues. Anna Jarvis wanted to honour her mother by continuing the work she started and to set aside

a day to honour all mothers because she believed that they were "the person who has done more for you than anyone in the world".

The March Coffee Morning with Tombola and raffle will take place this Wednesday from 10.00am at 7 Elizabeth Avenue. All are welcome.

On Palm Sunday the whole of the congregation will be invited to take part in the two-chapter Gospel reading. There are parts for the whole congregation and the choir, but we need volunteers to play individual parts. If you would like to volunteer for one of these parts, please see NORMA after the service TODAY, if possible, or you may find that you are being press-ganged into it. Norma has copies of the dramatization, so please get a copy from her if you would like a part, so that you can read it through in advance. Graham will have some copies with slightly larger print on the day.

Don't forget, also on Palm Sunday, that there will be an EASTER WORKSHOP for children of four years and above during the afternoon in the Church Hall run by Lyn and Virginia.. If you think your neighbours' children might like to come, or if you have any family who would like to be involved, please take some forms from the back of the church. If you would like to support this venture financially, there is a big pink box by the notice board for your contributions.

Please remember that the electoral roll is being revised. If any of your information has changed since this time last year, or if you are not on the roll but would like to be, please get a form from Bob.

Christchurch Gilbert and Sullivan Society have started rehearsing for this year's production, "The Mikado" which will be performed at the Regent Centre in September. If you enjoy singing and would like to take part, come along to Christchurch Junior School in Clarendon Road any Thursday evening at 7.30pm (sharp). There is no audition as such, but as long as you can hold a tune and put one foot in front of the other, you would be welcome to join with Chris Root and me as we make fools of ourselves!!

A MOTHERS' DAY SMILE:



**"Happy Mother's Day! Here's your gift - I'll be back later for dinner!"**

Any articles for inclusion in next week's St George's News must be in by Friday evening please to Bob Savage at: Breezy Corner, 1 Hampshire Close, Fairmile, Christchurch, BH23 2TH. Telephone 01202 255431 or 07902 469745 Email: [StGeorgesNews@christchurchpriory.org](mailto:StGeorgesNews@christchurchpriory.org)