

Upcoming dates for your diary (details below)

Mothering Sunday	Sun 15 th March
Ladies Group – African Drumming	2pm Mon 16 th March
St Mary's Annual Church Meeting <i>(after morning service)</i>	Sun 22 nd March
Bring & Share lunch <i>(after Annual Meeting)</i>	(approx) 1pm Sun 22 nd March
Palm Sunday service	10am Sun 29 th March
Maundy Thursday, Agape Supper	6.30pm Thurs 2 nd April
Good Friday outdoor service	11.45 for 12noon Fri 3 rd April

Mothering Sunday 15th March 10am

An All-Age Service with craft activities for everyone – make a flower arrangement for your Mum or for someone who cares for you or for others in our community.

Ladies Group

Come and learn African Drumming – no previous experience needed. This will be in the church on Monday 16th March @ 2pm. Men are welcome too! Speak to Diana Withers.

Lent Talks – Wednesdays 4, 11, 18th March 12 noon followed by a soup lunch at 1pm.

Our theme this year is 'Holy Ground - finding God where we are'. We are thinking about how we encounter God in our village, our homes, our work and our lives, sharing our own experiences (those who wish) and learning new ways of praying.

You are welcome to come just to the talks, to the lunch or to both - food for body, mind and soul.

Services for Holy Week and Easter:

Palm Sunday Service, 29th March 10am

This will begin outside the church as usual followed by the procession of palms into the church.

Holy Week reflection, Monday 30th March 7pm

An opportunity to walk the 'Way of the Cross', remembering Jesus' journey from the garden of Gethsemane to the cross. A beautiful reflective service with short bible readings, prayers and songs. Rev Andrew

Agape Supper on Maundy Thursday 2nd April 6.30pm

We will be meeting together as usual for a simple meal during which we recall the Last Supper that Jesus shared with His disciples the night before He was crucified. Everybody is welcome to join us – please sign up on the list in church, or contact Cathy Arnold

Good Friday service, 3rd April 12noon

A reflective service around the cross in the churchyard. Please come a little before the start time to spend time reflecting and singing before the service begins.

Easter Sunday - All Age Communion Service 5th April 10am

An informal service to celebrate Easter - including a mini easter egg hunt with prizes!

Annual Church Meeting and election of church officials

Our Annual Meeting this year is on Sunday 22 March, immediately after the morning service. At the Annual Meeting we will be electing two churchwardens, several PCC members and two Deanery Representatives. If you believe God may be calling you to become a churchwarden or a PCC member, then please have a chat with someone already in the role or with Rev Andrew to find out more.

Bring & Share lunch after the annual meeting

Following the meeting we will have a 'bring & share' lunch. Please bring a bowl of food to share plus a serving utensil and a list of ingredients. Any left-overs can go home with you! Fruit juice will be provided.

Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church if you can help.

Walk Church Sunday 22nd March 2026

This month's Walk Church will be from the Church of the Good Shepherd, Hamstreet, The Street, TN26 2JH. Please arrive at 1:45pm for 2pm start.

Chartham CASE (Community Activities & Social Events)

This small charitable group is run '*by the community for the community*'.

Members and Trustees work together to host community events and social activities in the Parish of Chartham for all to attend. **Coffee mornings** on alternate Thursdays in the Village Hall. See their Facebook page via QR code:



Collects and readings

Sun 15th March Mothering Sunday

God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole human
family to himself:

strengthen us in our daily living
that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your presence
to bind together and to heal;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Exodus 2:1-10

Sun 22nd March 10am Holy Communion

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of
your Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that, by faith in him who suffered
on the cross,
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Ezekiel 37:1-14, John 11:1-45

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