

**A thought for the day:-** Loving God, we thank you for mothers – for all they mean or have meant, for the love they have shown and the care they have given. We thank you for the qualities of mothers – their patience, their kindness, concern and understanding. We thank you for the part they play in our lives, and we thank you for giving us this special day to say thank you.

**Among our own congregation ....**

Janet, John, Sandra and Nigel,  
Lilian. Carole, Ann & Peter, Ian and Catherine.

**Those who live in....**

Granary Close, Guardian Court, Hartpiece Close, Harvesters Close, Harvey Road, Harwood Road and Henley Close.

**Those who are troubled or ill...**

Keith, Jenny, Christine, John, Dudley,  
Bob & Sylvia, Brendan, Nicola, Mary,  
Margaret, Joan and Val .

**Those in residential care...**

Constance, Betty, Geoff , Florence, Margaret and Betty

**Those who have died recently...**

Joyce Thompson, Irene Gaylard, Pamela Rowden and Terence Ingram.

**Those whose anniversary falls at this time...**

Margaret Bowmont, Doris Lewis, Brian Mitchell, Philip Shepherd and Joan Nicholls.

**FORTHCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES**

18 <sup>TH</sup> March 2018	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Parish Eucharist with healing Baptism of George Holland
25 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.15am	Procession with Dave the Donkey From The Precinct
	10.30am	Palm Sunday Service
	6.00pm	The Cross of Christ

*Please be aware that Photographs may be taken at our services, these are displayed in Church and maybe on our website. If you have any concerns about this please speak to our photographer, or a Churchwarden.*

**Weekly Notices 11<sup>th</sup> March 2018 – 3rd Sunday of Lent**

<b>8.00a.m :</b>	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
Celebrant:	Revd. Jonathan Jennings
Sermon:	Revd. Jonathan Jennings
Reading:	Numbers 21. 4-9 read by Christine
Gospel :	John 3. 14-21 read by Revd. Jonathan Jennings

<b>10.30am:</b>	<b>MOTHERING SUNDAY ALL AGE WORSHIP. We welcome the family of Ethan Bennett to this service.</b>
Leader:	Revd James Harratt
Talk:	Revd. Jonathan Jennings
Reading:	Isaiah 49. 15-18 read by Pam
Gospel:	Luke 2. 41-52 read by Revd. Jonathan Jennings
Hymns:	Please see separate service sheet
Intercessions:	Ann Critchley

**Collect for this 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. Amen.

**Please stay for refreshments after the service**

<b>4.00pm – BAPTISM</b>	
<b>We welcome the families of:- Peter, Madison, Stella and Charlotte to this special service of baptism.</b>	
<b>President:</b>	<b>Revd. James Harratt</b>

# PLEASE TAKE NOTE!

**TEXT GIVING** You can donate to support the church via text message:  
text MARG44 £[your donation] to 70070.”

**REVD. NATHAN WARD'S COLLATION** – It is customary at a new Incumbent's Collation that the new Vicar chooses the hymns. But Nathan has decided to ask the congregation to choose 2 hymns so they are a part of the service as well. There will be a box on the table by the main door and if you could put 2 of your favourite hymns on a piece of paper and put it into the box the 2 most popular will be chosen. The box will be there until 18<sup>th</sup> March, so get choosing.

**WELCOME BOX** - We will be putting out a welcome box underneath the brown table in front of the sound desk for the 'Ward Family' in the next couple of weeks. I am sure they would welcome some nice smellies, useful cleaning stuffs, basic foodstuffs and some nice things for the children. Thank you everyone.

**THANK YOU** – Margaret Robin wishes to thank everyone for their prayers and she says she couldn't have responded so well without them.

**FAMILY FRIENDLY COFFEE MORNING EVERY MONDAY 9am -11am in church** - All are welcome (with or without children), donations of cake especially would be appreciated!

**LADIES WHO LUNCH** – The next 'Ladies Who Lunch' will be on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 12.30pm at Upchurch Golf Club (downstairs). The contact for March is Lesley. Please let Lesley know if you have to cancel.

**MEMORIAL BOOK** - If you would like to put a loved one in our Memorial Book in the Chapel please see Kate in the church office who will give you a form to take away and fill in. There is a one off fee of £30.

**BAPTISM BIBLES** - As most of you know we give each child that is baptised here a Bible, if you would like to make a donation to our Baptism Bible fund, please speak to Kate in the church office. Thank you.

**SERVICES IN CARE HOMES** – Church members now go into two care homes on a monthly basis to offer a joyful service of hymns and readings. If you would like to join the rota of volunteers please speak to Revd. James.

## EVENTS FOR WEEK - In Church from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Monday	Family Friendly Coffee Morning 9am-11am (All Welcome)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>7.30pm – PCC Meeting in church (change of day)</b>
Tuesday	7.30pm - Lent Course in church
Wednesday	9.30am - Holy Communion Service
Thursday	10.00am -12 Noon – Coffee Morning
Friday	Church closed after 12 Noon

## READINGS FOR THE NEXT SUNDAY – 18<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2018

### 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT (Passiontide Begins)

Jeremiah 31. 31-34 - John 12. 20-33 (8am)

**THE FLOWERS ARE NOT DONATED DURING LENT – BUT YOU CAN PUT YOUR NAME DOWN FOR EASTER SUNDAY AND BEYOND.**

**Please see the sheet on the table by the main door** to write down when you wish to donate flowers. Contact the Church Office or Heather if you wish to donate for the flowers on 362023. This should be in cash only please. (Please note there can be more than 1 person donating).

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**THE FLOODLIGHTS WERE NOT SPONSORED THIS WEEK**

**Please contact the Church Office** if you wish to sponsor the floodlights on 362023. One night £5, one week £30 and for a month £120. (Please note there can be more than 1 person sponsoring).