

## Reflection for Mothering Sunday

Mothering Sunday by Malcolm Guite

At last, in spite of all, a recognition,  
For those who loved and laboured for so long,  
Who brought us, through that labour, to fruition  
To flourish in the place where we belong.  
A thanks to those who stayed and did the raising,  
Who buckled down and did the work of two,  
Whom governments have mocked instead of praising,  
Who hid their heart-break and still struggled through,  
The single mothers forced onto the edge  
Whose work the world has overlooked, neglected,  
Invisible to wealth and privilege,  
But in whose lives the kingdom is reflected.  
Now into Christ our mother church we bring them,  
Who shares with them the birth-pangs of His Kingdom.



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**Sunday Evening** Worship during Lent will be via Zoom.  
The codes are given below.

Meeting ID: 864 2705 6965 Passcode: 478637

Or dial by your location using the same codes as above.  
0203 481 5240 0131 460 1196 0203 481 5237

**NEXT SUNDAY 06.04.2025** 5th Sunday of Lent  
Main service: 10.30am in the Hall

**READINGS:** OT Isaiah 43: 16-21



NT Philippians 3: 4b-14

GOSPEL John 12: 1-8

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# St Thomas, Exeter

**30th March 2025**

## Mothering Sunday

**9.55am Rosary Devotions in Church**

**10.30am in the Hall**

**5pm Evening Worship by Zoom**

### Today

#### **Sung Eucharist**

*Hymn Numbers*

*137 For the beauty of the earth*

*227 I come with joy, a child of God*

*354 Now thank we all our God*

### Tuesday 1st April

**7.30pm No House Group this week**

### Wednesday 2nd April

**10am Holy Communion (BCP)**

### Thursday 3rd April

**9.30-11am St Thomas Tots**

**10.30-12noon Knit & Natter.** 19 Maple Rd

Details from Jenny. 01392 498725

### Friday 4th April

**9.30am Morning Prayer**

**10am Staff Meeting**

**11.30am Stations of the Cross**



## Collect

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**

## Exodus 2: 1-10

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.'

## Colossians 3: 12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another

and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him

## John 19: 25-27

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.

## 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**

## NOTICES

**Single Friendly Church** After church on 30th March please participate in a short questionnaire for Liz and Judith S about our welcome to those who come to church alone. This is part of a free Single Friendly Church Network toolkit we are using. You can also complete the form at home and email it to [pio-neerstthomas@gmail.com](mailto:pio-neerstthomas@gmail.com)

We are going to start revising the **Year's Mind list** as it has become rather lengthy. We recognise that it is a sensitive matter and all those currently on this list from the year 2000 will be retained automatically. If you would like an older St Thomas name kept on this list please contact Ian or Fr David. Please note that if your relative or friend was a worshipper at Emmanuel or St Andrews, there are no dates with these names. So please speak to Ian or Fr David even if the date is 2000 onwards.

**Electoral roll revision** Every 6 years we are required to complete a full revision of the church electoral roll and this is due to take place at least 2 months before our APCM on 25 May. This is also a great time for any new members to be added. New and existing members will need to complete and return an application form to Carolyn Bryant, Ian Totterdell or a member of the clergy by 10 May at the latest. The new roll will be displayed on the notice-board for 14 days prior to the APCM. Carolyn and Ian have copies of the application form available and if you need help or have any questions please speak to Carolyn after the service or on 07780 707183.

**Cleaning the Church** Jenny Tuckett, Pat Mounce, Mary and Cayley will be cleaning the church on **Tuesday 1st April at 10am**. Volunteers are needed for Tuesday and on alternate Tuesdays. Areas can be cleaned whenever it suits as long as there are at least two people. Speak to Ian.

**Easter Flowers.** If you would like to contribute towards the flowers in memory of a loved one, please speak to Mary Naish.

**Spring edition of Noticing Nature Walk.** Saturday 3rd May at 11.-1200. Meet at the Church Hall entrance. This will be a seasonal slow, mindful walk in our local green spaces. Will travel to Princes Gardens if Wisteria is in bloom. Liz

