

CHRIST CHURCH, Brentor

22nd March 2020

Mothering Sunday Service

We warmly welcome everyone to our
church

Led by Mrs Sally Pancheri



Mothering Sunday



Welcome

We pray the special prayer for Mothering Sunday

**God of compassion,
Whose son Jesus Christ, the son 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 sorrow
We may know the power of your presence
To bind together and to heal;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

We say sorry to God.....

**Lord our God,
In our sin we have avoided your call.**

**Our love for you is like a morning cloud,
Like the dew that goes away early.
Have mercy on us;
Deliver us from judgement;
Bind up our wounds and revive us;
In Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

May the God of love
Bring us back to himself,
Forgive us our sins,
And assure us of his eternal love,
In Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen

Let's hear some words from the Bible....

Luke 2: v 33-35

Jesus presented at the Temple

³³ Jesus' parents were amazed at what was being said about him.

³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them, and he said to Mary, the baby's mother, "This child is destined to cause many in Israel to fall, and many others to rise. He has been sent as a sign from God, but many will oppose him.

³⁵ As a result, the deepest thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your very soul."



Exodus 2: v 1-10.

The Birth of Moses

² About this time, a man and woman from the tribe of Levi got married. ² The woman became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She saw that he was a special baby and kept him hidden for three months. ³ But when she could no longer hide him, she got a basket made of papyrus reeds and waterproofed it with tar and pitch. She put the baby in the basket and laid it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile River. ⁴ The baby's sister then stood at a distance, watching to see what would happen to him.

⁵ Soon Pharaoh's daughter came down to bathe in the river, and her attendants walked along the riverbank. When the princess saw the basket among the reeds, she sent her maid to get it for her. ⁶ When the princess opened it, she saw the baby. The little boy was crying, and she felt sorry for him. "This must be one of the Hebrew children," she said. ⁷ Then the baby's sister approached the princess. "Should I go and find one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?" she asked. ⁸ "Yes, do!" the princess replied. So the girl went and called the baby's mother. ⁹ "Take this baby and nurse him for me," the princess told the baby's mother. "I will pay you for your help." So the woman took her baby home and nursed him. ¹⁰ Later, when the boy was older, his mother brought him back to Pharaoh's daughter, who adopted him as her own son. The princess named him Moses, for she explained, "I lifted him out of the water."



We think about our readings.....

Short talk led by Sally Pancheri

We declare our faith.....

**We believe in God the Father,
From whom every family
In heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
Who lives in our hearts through faith,
And fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
Who strengthens us
With power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Poem from Hymn no 8

Today I awake and God is before me.

At night, as I dreamt, he summoned the day;
For God never sleeps, but patterns the morning
with slithers of gold or glory in grey.

Today I arise and Christ is beside me.

He walked through the dark to scatter new light.
Yes, Christ is alive, and beckons his people
to hope and to heal, resist and invite.

Today I affirm the Spirit within me

at worship and work, in struggle and rest.
The Spirit inspires all life which is changing
from fearing to faith, from broken to blessed.

Today I enjoy the Trinity round me,

above and beneath, before and behind;
The Maker, the Son, the Spirit together
they called me to life and call me their friend.

Let us pray together.....

We say together.....

Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power,
And the glory,
For ever and ever.

Amen

We give thanks for all those who nurture us.....

Accept these gifts as symbols of our ongoing love
For those to whom we give them,
And may we all be blessed in giving and receiving;
In Jesus' name.
Amen.

A prayer to send us out into the world this week...

Lord God, your mother like love for us is so special that we are scarcely able to believe it, let alone receive it. We give thanks today for our mothers and their care for us, and we also give thanks for those who have been like mothers to us, offering us nurture and care throughout our lives.

We celebrate the fact that the roots and patterns for this love is found in you.

All love comes from you, so we pray that you will inspire and strengthen us to become mother like in our concern for others.

Help us to pass on the best advice to our children and to others, and may we draw strength and inspiration from your Easter sacrifice, to become those who lay down their lives for others.

**We ask this in Jesus' name,
Amen.**

We say the grace together...

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of The Holy Spirit be with us all now and evermore Amen.



Please pray for all who are ill or anxious at home or in hospital, and those who have asked for our prayers: Mick, Dorothy, Frankie and Sally, Chris Vigers, Nick & Julie, Dave & Wendy, Sheila Weston, Heather & John, and Jimmy Hubbard.

Please pray for the souls of the recently departed, especially John, their families and friends.

Your prayers this week are asked for:

Mon All the NHS staff and key workers keeping our country running.

Tuesday Teachers and staff supporting the students at home.

Wed Those who are self-isolating and in need of care.

Thursday The world as it works to battle and then recover from the Coronavirus.

Fri Christians around the world praying for humanity.

Sat Prayers for understanding and kindness among communities.

Donations to support the upkeep of the building and the work of the church are welcome. If you would like to make a regular donation, please see either David or Helen about the parish giving scheme.