

The **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** takes place on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, Notices and Nomination forms are displayed in the porch. Please add any names, provided the person being proposed has agreed that you do so. Copies of the reports and accounts are available from the foyer this morning. *Ralph Howard*

The annual **Church Spring Clean** will take place during this coming week. On Monday 27th March the pews will be cleared of hassocks and on Tuesday 28th March the church building team will be cleaning the walls etc. from 10 a.m. Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th general cleaning, dusting and polishing will take place. Hassocks will be replaced. between 9am and noon both days - There is a list of jobs to be done on the old book bar in the church. If you are unable to help at these times, other jobs can be undertaken at a time more convenient to you. *Ernest and Dorothy Gelder.*

Junior Church are planning a **Children's Workshop** on Maundy Thursday between 2pm and 4.30pm—full details in the porch, or speak with Christine Stephenson.

**In Your Prayers:** Please remember in your prayers the souls of Tony Cawdry, Peter Hardwick, Hilda Rhodes and Harry Marsden, who have died in recent days, and those who live on Westfield Avenue and Westfield Drive.

Details of all the **Holy Week and Easter** services were distributed by the sidesmen today. The idea is that take the sheet home and make your plans for the week.

Tuesday was the 450th anniversary of the martyrdom of **Thomas Cranmer**. Archbishop Rowan preached at a special service in Oxford, and a copy of his sermon is on the noticeboard in the porch for anyone who is interested.

**Pilgrimage to Heptonstall:** on the Wednesday of Holy Week, there are plans for a pilgrimage to Heptonstall [ringing the changes from Kirkstall Abbey this year]. There will be a chance to explore the church, eat and worship together, play games, and take part in a history trail [you don't have to do all those things, you can pick and chose according to age/agility/preference!]. If you're planning to join in, please sign up on the yellow sheet in the outer porch.

**Churches Together Easter cards** are available for distribution this morning, please have a word with Barbara Smith if you can help to deliver them.

If you'd like **breakfast** after the 6am Vigil Mass on Easter morning, you need to sign up for it in advance, as any extra unordered bacon has already been promised to Fr Peter, so there won't be any spare!

## The Parish Church of St Matthew, Lightcliffe

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### Sunday 26th March

The Fourth Sunday of Lent: Mothering Sunday

From wherever you have come, be it just round the corner or further afield, whether you're here for the first time or the thousandth, **welcome to St Matthew's**. We're glad to welcome you to worship here, and pray that you will find something that helps you.

### Our worship today

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| 8am    | The Eucharist  |
| 10am   | Parish Eucharist<br>Hymns: 308, 467, 522, 407, 386, 121, 290,<br>and 448 |
| 6.30pm | Evensong<br>Hymns: 162, Psalm 119 vv 1-8, 151, 234                       |

Groups for **children**, and **young people** meet in the Nyamatara and St Aidan's rooms, and in the office during the 10am service: please feel welcome to join them.



**Planned Giving:** if you would like to know more about supporting St Matthew's financially, Peter Kirby [01274 698939] would be very happy to tell you more.

### This week at St Matthew's

N= Nyamatara Room LC= Lady Chapel

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| Monday    | 7.30pm | Lent Group:Everyday God at Christ Church, Lightcliffe site |
| Tuesday   | 9.15am | The Eucharist [BCP]  |
|           | 1pm    | Funeral of Harry Marsden                                   |
|           | 7pm    | Choir Practice   |
|           | 7.45pm | Bell practice  |
|           | 7.45pm | Nyamatara Link Group, N                                    |
| Wednesday | 7pm    | The Eucharist, LC  |
| Thursday  | 9.15am | The Eucharist, LC  |
|           | 1.45pm | Lent Group:Everyday God, N                                 |
|           | 7pm    | Stations of the Cross                                      |
| Friday    | 6.15pm | Family Service   |

### Next Sunday: Passion Sunday

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| 8am    | The Eucharist                          |
| 10am   | Parish Eucharist, followed by the APCM |
| 6.30pm | Evensong                               |

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## ***Mothering Sunday - 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

## ***FIRST READING Exodus 2.1-10***

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.'

This is the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

## ***SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 1.3-7***

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, It is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

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## ***GOSPEL Luke 2.33-35***

The child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about Jesus. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed - and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you, O Christ**

## ***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