

**God: "As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you;
you shall be comforted in Jerusalem." (Isaiah 66:13)**

Here, in words from Isaiah, God compares the comfort he gives to his people in distress to that of a mother comforting her children. Great mothers are fiercely protective, caring and nurturing, teaching their children all that is needed to navigate life, and sacrificing their own needs for the sake of their children. We acknowledge that not everyone has had this experience.

Whilst Mothering Sunday can be difficult for a variety of reasons, it is good to remind ourselves of God's mothering nature.

When we look at passages like Isaiah where God compares himself to a mother, we realize that the characteristics of a great mother are characteristics of God. God is fiercely protective of us, caring and nurturing. He has given us his word to teach us what we need to know about him and his love for us, teaching us how to live in his world. We have all been adopted into his family through Jesus' act of love on the cross (Ephesians 1:5) and as God's family we all have a mothering role in each other's lives.

On this Mothering Sunday, may we as adopted children of God, trust in and know God's comfort and love, remember all that he has taught us and be grateful for everyone in our lives who nurtures, teaches, and fiercely cares for us.

Claire Coleman

Clocks go forward – this Sunday!

Please remember to put your clocks forward 1 hour for Sunday morning. Don't be an hour late for our **Mothering Sunday service at 11am BST.**

This Sunday's Services on livestream:

[Mothering Sunday Service – 27th March 2022](#)

Click the above link to access the livestream for this week's service. You can also use the link to watch the service at a later time.

Weekly Calendar

Saturday 26th

Daily Prayer (St. George's Church) - 9:30-10:00am

Sunday 27th

Mothering Sunday Service (St. Luke's Church), Exodus 2:1-10
- 11:00am-12:00pm

Youth Initiative (St. Luke's Church), 5:00pm-7:30pm

Christianity Explored (Dorothy Drive), 5:30pm-7:00pm

Monday 28th

Daily Prayer (St. Luke's Church) - 9:30-10:00am

Christianity Explored (Margate Road), 7:30-9:00pm

Christianity Explored (South Eastern Road), 7:30-9:00pm

Tuesday 29th

Daily Prayer (St. George's Church) - 9:30-10:00am

Wednesday 30th

Christianity Explored (Lyndhurst Road), 2:00-3:30pm

Thursday 31st

Daily Prayer (at St. Luke's Church) - 9:30-10:00am

Cafe4All (St. Luke's Church), Coffee and Chat for all - 10:00-11:30am.

Christianity Explored (Winterstoke Crescent), 7:30pm-9:00pm

Friday 1st April

Play and Praise (St. Luke's Church Hall) – 10:00-11:30am

Saturday 2nd

Church's Together in Ramsgate Prayer Breakfast

(St. George's Hall) - 9:00-10:00am

Sunday 3rd

Family Service (St. Luke's Church), Luke 19:1-10 - 11:00am-12:00pm

Youth Initiative (St. Luke's Church), 5:00pm-7:30pm

Christianity Explored (Dorothy Drive), 5:30pm-7:00pm

Mothering Sunday

During our service this week, flowers will be distributed by the children to their mothers and other women in church.

Prayer Requests

Be assured I will do my best to check that people are happy for the requests to be shared before including them. Please pray for...

- Thanks for mothers. Pray for all mothers as they seek to care for their children.
- Thanks for Easter Cracked this last week. Pray that the children have learnt about the real meaning of Easter.
- Peace in Ukraine and for the refugees fleeing.
- Mitch Styles that he will receive the help he needs.
- Trevor Kenney, now home after a hip operation. Pray for a continuing good recovery.
- Flo Baldock for ongoing treatment for her stomach.
- Give thanks that Jean Hann is now home and pray for continuing recovery.
- Ken Tipler that the pain can be kept under control. Give thanks that his pain has eased.

Please also continue to pray for: Shirley Crabb, Joy Smithers, Nathan Court, Pauline Emptage, Collette Judge, Barb (Gloria's daughter's friend), Rita Ryan.

Help for Ukrainian Refugees

This Mothering Sunday please consider donating a gift to a Ukrainian mother. Every gift you donate will help equip a refugee to care for her baby or young child safely.

Sanctuary Foundation in co-operation with Baby Basics UK, is appealing for help in sourcing thousands of items ready to support mothers who have lost everything fleeing their war-torn homes. Baby Basics UK will ensure that the gift is matched with and delivered to a mother in need.

[You can donate a specific gift online](#) or give money to our collection this week, which will go towards this work.

Plans for the Platinum Jubilee

We are planning to have a joint service at St. George's church on June 5th at 11am to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. This is part of a weekend of celebrations across the country. After the service we are hoping to hold a 'tea party' in the church grounds of St. George's.

If you would be interested in joining a team of people to help plan for this event. Then please see Paul as soon as possible.

Easter Cracked, report

During the last week, St. Luke's welcomed around 120 Year 6 pupils from four local schools for 90-minute interactive exploration of the Easter story. This is the first time we have been able to run this in the church for two years.

A big thank you to everyone who helped make this happen.

Dick and Caroline Seed – Date for your diary

Dick and Caroline who are based in South Africa and working to help train and equip lecturers and leaders in training institutes for church ministers around Africa and beyond are on a visit to the UK. They will be visiting us Tuesday 10th May for a 10:30am coffee morning meeting. Please put this in your diary if you are interested in coming. More information to follow.

Book to see the vicar:

If you would like to arrange to see Paul the vicar about anything, then please use this following link to book an appointment: <https://calendly.com/worledge/meet-with-paul>

Links to Share:

Last Sunday's Sermon:

Last Sunday's Sermon is available on YouTube or a Podcast:

[Peter's Eureka Moment \(Luke 5:1-11\)](#)

What does Peter do when Jesus enables a massive catch of fish? Does he employ him as a new business partner? No! He falls at Jesus' knees. Peter has realised something profound about Jesus and himself. Now his life will be transformed.

Eight Women of the Old Testament

This site offers video explorations of 8 female characters in the Old Testament: [Unveiled.](#)

Jesus, the Comeback King

Easter is on its way. This video is a poetic performance that explores the events of Easter.

[Comeback.](#)

Finally, let's remember that God can comfort us like a strong and protective mother.

Yours in Christ,

Paul Worledge
(Vicar, St. Luke's Ramsgate)