



The Sick

Margaret House, Joan Chatwood, Sheila Shepherd,
Robin Smith, Hugh Foster, Fr Beau Brandie.
And to all those known to us.

Recently Departed

Joan Fines, Adrian Easton, Dilys Hounsham

Years Mind

Alfred Peacock, Betty Christie, Meg Watkins, Eve Woollcombe

Services this week

**In order to save lives across the country from today All
public worship is suspended.**

**THE CHURCH IS OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER
from 8.30am - 5pm and please do light a candle**

**Please wash you hands and have appropriate distance
from other visitors.**

**Please pray for each other, ourselves and our neighbours,
here in Petworth, Egdean, this country and the world,
so that this health crisis can be resolved as soon as possible.**

**Please be in touch with Fr Mark at any time . We will always be glad to
hear from you with any requests for prayer, updates on parishioners and
their loved ones, and if we can assist in any practical way.**

**If you know that someone is alone or vulnerable at the moment,
please try (as far as is possible and appropriate) to check regularly how
they are and if they need any assistance.**



Readings and Notices for Mothering Sunday

22nd March 2020

**St Mary's
Petworth**

**St Bartholomew's
Egdean**



Collect Merciful God,
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 lives
that in joy and sorrow
we may know the power of thy presence
to bind together and to heal;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.. **Amen**

1 Samuel 1.20–28

20 Hannah conceived and bore a son.
She named him Samuel, for she said,
'I have asked him of the LORD.'

21 The man Elkanah and all his household
went up to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice,
and to pay his vow.

22 But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband,
'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him,
that he may appear in the presence of the LORD,
and remain there for ever;

I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.'

23 Her husband Elkanah said to her,

'Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him;
only – may the LORD establish his word.'

So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him.

24 When she had weaned him, she took him up with her,
along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour,
and a skin of wine.

She brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh;
and the child was young.

25 Then they slaughtered the bull,
and they brought the child to Eli.

26 And she said, ‘Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord,
I am the woman who was standing here in your presence,
praying to the LORD.

27 For this child I prayed;
and the LORD has granted me the petition that I made to him.

28 Therefore I have lent him to the LORD;
as long as he lives, he is given to the LORD.’
She left him there for the LORD.

Psalm 127.1–4₁

Unless the Lord builds the house,
their labour is in vain who build it.

2 Unless the Lord watches over the city,
in vain the guard keeps vigil. R

3 It is in vain that you rise so early
and go to bed so late;

vain, too, to eat the bread of toil,
for he gives to his beloved sleep.

4 Children are a heritage from the Lord,
and the fruit of the womb is a gift.

Colossians 3.12–17

12 As God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved,
clothe yourselves with compassion,
kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.

13 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.

14 Above all, clothe yourselves with love,
which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

15 And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
to which indeed you were called in the one body.
And be thankful.

16 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.

17 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.

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you, O Christ, King of endless glory! Glory and praise to you!

! I am the light of the world, says the Lord;

give me living water, so that I may never get thirsty

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John 19.25–27

25 Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother,
and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas,
and Mary Magdalene.

26 When Jesus saw his mother
and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her,
he said to his mother, ‘Woman, here is your son.’

27 Then he said to the disciple, ‘Here is your mother.’

And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

Post Communion Prayer:

God of love,

who in this sacrament dost feed us

with the food and drink of eternal life,

even as a mother feedeth her children at the breast:

mercifully grant that we who have tasted thy goodness

may grow in grace within the household of faith;

through Jesus Christ our Lord..Amen

