

**Truro
Cathedral**
sacred space, common ground

**Sunday 15 March 2026
4th Sunday of Lent
Mothering Sunday**

Worship in Truro Cathedral today

08:00 BCP Holy Communion President Dean Simon Robinson
10:00 Choral Eucharist President Dean Simon Robinson
 Preacher Revd. Jane Vaughan Wilson
16.00 Evening Prayer with hymns

10.00am Hymns for this morning's service

408 Love Divine all loves excelling
377 Immortal, invisible, God only wise
185 Sing we of the blessed mother

Music for the 10am Choral Eucharist

Introit Ave virgo sanctissima	Guerrero
Missa ego flos campi	Padillo
Motet Alma redemptoris mater	Tabakova
Voluntary Fugue on the Magnificat BWV 733	JS Bach

The 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 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 .

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 angel of the Lord
Encamps around those who fear him and delivers them.
O taste and see that the Lord is gracious;
Blessed is the one who trusts in him.

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.

Gospel reading: John 19.25b-27

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 Prayer:

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**

Hymns for the Evening Prayer Service:

366 God of mercy, God of Grace
353 Dear Lord and Father of mankind

This week we are praying for: Fiona Davie, Mary Prior, Elliot Wills, Ruth Robathan, Jill Staplehurst, Colin Bradley, Keith Halstead, Katharine Shephard.

RIP: Ann Johnson, Roy Howe.

Next Sunday, 22 March, Passiontide begins

8.00 BCP Holy Communion Revd. Keiren Marwood
 10.00 Choral Eucharist President Revd. Keiren Marwood
 Preacher Canon Sue Wallace

Services for the week beginning: 16 March 2026

Monday 16 March	09:00 Holy Communion 09:30 Morning Prayer 17.30 Choral Evensong
Tuesday 17 March <i>Patrick, bishop, missionary, patron of Ireland, c.460</i>	09:00 Holy Communion 09:30 Morning Prayer 17.30 Choral Evensong
Wednesday 18 March <i>Cyril, bishop, teacher of the faith, 386</i>	09:00 Holy Communion 09:30 Morning Prayer 17.30 Choral Evensong 19.30 Stations of the Cross by candlelight
Thursday 19 March <i>Joseph of Nazareth</i>	09:00 Holy Communion 09.30 Morning Prayer 12.10 Christian Meditation 17.30 Festal Evensong
Friday 20 March Cuthbert, <i>bishop, missionary 687</i>	09.00 Holy Communion 09.30 Morning Prayer 11:00 BCP Holy Communion 16.00 Evening Prayer 17.30 Sung Holy Communion BCP
Saturday 21 March	09:00 Holy Communion 09:30 Morning Prayer 16:00 Evening Prayer

Friday 20 March : Holy Communion will be celebrated in St Mary's Aisle with members of the Prayer Book Society attending. Refreshments will be available in the Chapter House following the service to which **all are welcome**.

Lent Readings for the week commencing 9 March

Monday 16	Chapter 25	11.30	Chapter 26	12.00 noon
Tuesday 17	Chapter 27	11.30	Chapter 28	12.00 noon

Exploring the Christian Faith will be in the **Chapter House at 3-3.45pm** on the following days:

Sunday 15th March: The Bible and the Holy Spirit.

Sunday 22nd March: The Church and the Sacraments.

Sunday 29th March: Baptism and Confirmation.

All are welcome to attend any or all of these sessions.

Stations of the Cross

A moving and inspiring set of stations of the Cross by the artist Judith Tutin will once more be installed around the cathedral this Lent. We are very grateful to Judith for all her work on this. Please do tour them and use them in your own devotions. We will also be using them liturgically on a number of occasions within the coming weeks. More details of these devotional tours of the stations will follow soon. Relevant books and cards are available in the pop-up shop.

Something to celebrate:

On a day when we are celebrating the announcement of two new ministries in this Diocese, we pray **with** the Diocese for those who have been chosen and called to those ministries.

Let us pray, firstly, for James - the Bishop-Designate of St. Germans, and for his wife Esther, and their three sons; remembering the upcoming farewells and moving of home which they now face; and praying for their safe arrival among us; and their future life in Cornwall.

Almighty God, shepherd of our souls, look with love on your servant James, our Suffragan Bishop-Designate.

Grant him the gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, understanding, counsel and fortitude. Strengthen him in times of challenge, give him a mind open to the signs of the times, and empower him to lead your flock with compassion, humility, and unwavering fidelity to the Gospel. May he, in all his work with us and among us, seek to do your will, and bring us closer to you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

We pray, now, for Helen, chosen to be the new Archdeacon of Bodmin, as she, too, prepares to leave her current vocation and home, and accept her new calling in this Diocese.

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: receive the prayers which we offer you now, for all who are called to ministry in your Church, and especially on this day for your servant Helen, our Bodmin Archdeacon-Designate.

Endue her with the spirit of wisdom, counsel and strength. Guide her in her administrative duties, that she may maintain order and care for the legalities and formalities of her job, and for the buildings and the fabric of the Churches which fall within her jurisdiction. Give her also a pastor's heart, to support the clergy and the laity who come under her care.

May her ministry be marked by gentleness, justice and vision, and help her to be a faithful intermediary and a true shepherd, in all things seeking to advance your Kingdom. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Mothers' Union News

All through 2026 we are celebrating 150 years since Mothers' Union was founded in the small parish church of Old Alresford, Hampshire, by Mary Sumner, a vicar's wife with a bold vision. She believed that women, regardless of class or status, could come together in faith to support one another and strengthen family life within the Church.

The Mothers' Union has grown to 4 million members across 84 countries. As we look to the future our members will continue working to improve the lives of individuals, families, and communities around the world. At the heart of everything we do will remain our unwavering belief that faith and compassion can transform lives.

On Mothering Sunday this week, members will read lessons, lead Intercessions, and distribute daffodils.

Our Lady Day Eucharist will be held on **Wednesday, March 25th** at 11.00 am for all diocesan members; everyone is welcome.

Plans are underway for our annual Free **Family Fun Day** and a banner exhibition in August.

Feel free to join us at our next meeting on **Thursday March 19th** in the Assembly Room in the OCS, when we look forward to a poetry afternoon with the Very Revd. Roger Bush.

We invite you to visit our table located in the North Aisle, with particular attention to the 'Red Chair'. Our branch is honoured to have received a Bronze Award for the '**Rise Up**' Campaign addressing gender-based violence.

Holy Week and Easter

<p>29th March – Palm Sunday 10 am Choral Eucharist with procession of palms led by Sparkle our adopted donkey 16.00 Evening Prayer, 18.00 St John Passon (J.S. Bach) <i>Sung by St Mary's Singers</i></p>	
<p>Monday in Holy Week 30th March</p>	<p>9.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Morning Prayer 16.00 Evening Prayer 17.30 Organ music for Holy Week 19.00 Stations of the Cross</p>
<p>Tuesday in Holy Week 31st March</p>	<p>9.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Morning Prayer 17.30 Choral Evensong with <i>Tallis Lamentations pt1</i> 19.00 Stations of the Cross</p>
<p>Wednesday in Holy Week 1st April</p>	<p>9.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Morning Prayer 17.30 Choral Evensong with <i>Tallis Lamentations pt2</i> 19.00 Compline by candlelight</p>
<p>Maundy Thursday 2nd April</p>	<p>9.00 Morning Prayer 10.30 Chrism Eucharist (<i>all are welcome</i>) 16.00 Evening Prayer 19.00 Solemn Eucharist (<i>Live streamed</i>) <i>followed by a Watch ending at 11pm</i></p>
<p>Good Friday 3rd April</p>	<p>9.00 Morning Prayer (<i>please note timing</i>) 10.00 Liturgy of the Passion (<i>Live streamed</i>) 12.00 Quiet Reflection 14.50 The Gospel of the Burial 16.00 Evening Prayer 19.30 Concert: <i>Meditation</i></p>
<p>Easter Eve 4th April</p>	<p>9.00 Morning Prayer (<i>St Samsons Chapel</i>) 16.00 Evening Prayer (<i>St Samsons Chapel</i>) 19.30 <i>The Easter Vigil with baptisms and confirmations</i></p>

The Easter Story for children:

Calling all children. Please come to the Chapter House on Good Friday afternoon at 2.15 pm to hear the story of Easter. Family, friends and 'grown ups' can come too!

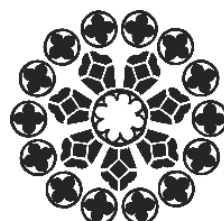
Choir news:

Truro Cathedral Choir sings a programme of atmospheric and ethereal choral music from across five centuries for their concert on **3 April from 19:30**. Tickets are now available via the cathedral website.

The junior choristers and back row of the choir ventured across the Tamar last Sunday, 8 March, when they joined Exeter Cathedral Choir for both Sunday Eucharist and Evensong whilst the highly anticipated football match between the choristers of Truro and Exeter took place in the afternoon. You can find out how that went on the news section of the cathedral website.

***The daffodils for our service today have been kindly donated by Fentongollan Farm
In loving memory of Jim & Jill Hosking***

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