



BROMLEY AND SHEPPARD'S COLLEGES WEEKLY HERALD



14 MARCH 2021

MOTHERING SUNDAY



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“You have not lived today
until you have done
something for someone
who can never repay you.”

John Bunyan

Weekly diary

When	Service	President	Reader	Intercessor
Sun 7 March	10am	Cecil Heatley	Rob Pearson	Brandy Pearson
Fri 19 March	10am	Richard Handforth	Chaplain	Valerie Pearce

Please follow communion protocols – there is a laminated sheet for ministers. We hold each other in our prayers: worshipping online, in person, at another church, or quietly alone.

Mothering Sunday

Mothering Sunday began as an explicitly religious event of the 16th Century, with no connection to mothers at all. The word "mothering" referred to the "mother church", which is to say the main church or cathedral of the region.

It became a tradition that, on the fourth Sunday of Lent, people would return to their mother church for a special service. This pilgrimage was apparently known as "going a-mothering", and became something of a holiday event, with domestic servants traditionally given the day off to visit their own families as well as their mother church.



Simnel cake

One of the tastiest traditions of Mothering Sunday was the baking of Simnel cake. Often regarded as a purely Easter-related confection, this rich fruit cake is also tied to Mothering Sunday, as a bit of indulgence to make up for the general austerity of Lent! Consisting of layers of cake and marzipan, a traditional Simnel cake also reflects the religious overtones of the event by being adorned with 11 balls of marzipan, representing all the disciples of Jesus, minus Judas.

https://www.bbc.co.uk/food/recipes/mary_berrys_simnel_cake_49483

Reflection for Lent

PP Eucharist or Mass in Masks

I feel the words
vibrating on the inside of my mask
the prayers and responses
that we speak
as we make our Eucharist together.

Our words are muffled
and yet
their spirit is unhampered
by the fabric of the material world
breathed out
up to the sky
and down to the earth
breathed out
to North, South, East and West
like the weathervane.

We have spoken
And we know we are heard
Spirit hears us
And Spirit speaks through us
And brings the Word,
the breath of Life
to the world. *Brandy Pearson*



Holy Week and Easter

We are praying that we can use the Chapel by Easter. Work on the tiles and progress on carpet under the stalls and benches is well advanced. Keep praying for the Science to allow us to worship in our Chapel



Palm Sunday

10am Procession around the Colleges and Eucharist in the Old Quad

Holy Week - Monday to Wednesday

2pm Stations of the Cross – according to the style of the leader

Triduum - Maundy Thursday

4pm Eucharist with “foot washing”, Eucharist and Watch.

Good Friday

10am Passion Eucharist with dramatic reading of John’s Passion, and Eucharist with reserved Sacrament

2pm Meditation/reflection

Saturday vigil

4pm Vigil readings and New Fire. Up to the great Resurrection Alleluia!

Easter Sunday

10am Easter Eucharist in Wren garden with songs for passers-by!

Chaplain's notes

Easter Treats

Easter treats are on sale outside the laundry room £2.50 each.
Please put money in the desk or leave in flat 37.
Sold in aid of The Friends. Thank you for your support.

Janet Heatley



Spring planting
Somebody has been to the Garden Centre!

New Collegians

Maily Clare Danks-Flower is moving into flat 39 on Thursday 18 March and on the same day Roderic Ballentine is moving into flat 7. I am sure you will all make them both feel welcome.

Book Sales

Your donated books have raised an amazing £200.44 for the Colleges. With thanks to Dorothy Nicholson for organising this. Please continue to bring pre-loved books to her for recycling.

Spring cleaning

It is the turn of the New Quad on the next fine day. The Old Quad looks bright and shiny from its Spring face lift. Please cooperate with this work by clearing outside your flat. If you need help, please let us know. If you are unable to clear up, the team will move all your items to the lawn and then we ask that you are discerning with what you put back.

We are working on consistent, but not too restrictive, protocols that we can all follow so that our Quads are something we are proud to show off to visitors and that we can all enjoy.



Lent observance

My Lenten observance is not to buy any more clothes. So far in the face of serious temptation, algorithm pop ups and brochures, I have bought NOTHING. Let's have your stories – ups and downs!

Meeting with Trustees

Some trustees (and collegians) are a little nervous of face to face meetings. We are happy to set up Zoom equipment in the Chaplain's meeting room. This would be private and comfortable. Please let Jo know if this would suit you. It is not too late to book a conversation.

Election of Collegian Trustee

You have all received voting slips and "hustings" from the two candidates. Plenty of time to consider your choice for the colleges.

Breathe, renew, restore!

Chaplain

Jenni, our beekeeper says that the bees are thriving and suggests we create a meadow of wild flowers to make them even happier. Our grounds people are fans!



Covid lockdown

Please continue to observe good hygiene. Most Collegians have been vaccinated with the first dose and many with the second. We are looking forward to some return to normal over the next few months.

I for one am looking forward to swimming, hair cut and pedicure!

HANDS	Wash hands regularly and for 20 seconds.
FACE	Wear face covering inside. Open windows!
SPACE	Keep 2m apart or 1m with face-covering and ventilation

Anna Chaplain

Sophie Sutherland on 07962 156673 for conversations and more.



Fire alarm testing

Monday mornings – the 1st and 3rd of the month – at 10am. Please do not evacuate the building unless the alarm goes on for more than 30 seconds. If it does the threat is real – so evacuate!

Fire Wardens

Chaplain

Linda Balmer

Robbie Dennis

Peter Morris

George Baisley

Kathleen Craig

David Darling

Foodbank

Is now open and ready to receive your contributions!

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**

Scripture

1 Samuel 1:20-end

Colossians 3:12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. 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. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. 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. 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.

Psalm 127:1-4

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**



Prayer list

Anglican Cycle	Iglesia Anglicana de Chile
Rochester cycle	Mothering Sunday For Mothers' Union branches and other groups supporting family life
College	Robbie and Brandy Pearson and Tony Bentley [T]
Community	The blind and profoundly deaf those who are bereaved
Collegians who have moved away	David and Diane Cossar, Frank and Yvonne Gough, Charles Potter, Pam Dawson, Sarah Grove John and Joyce Ilson, Mary Watts, and Ken Hewitt
Those who are sick or have asked us to pray	Jenny Balmer, June Dakin, Ron Emmett, Charlotte Gould, John Harris, Ken Hewitt, Geoffrey Howard, Margaret Mankey, Nigel McDougall, Aaron Roddan, Vic Shaw, Anne Townsend, Jo Walton, Liz Whiting, Julian White, Peter Hemming and Matthew Coxen
Years Mind Anniversary	Francis Garland Heydon, Robert Hood, Donald Willis, Winifred Owen, Joyce Harper
Those who have died	

Please ask for copy of complete prayer booklet. Please let Jo or the Chaplain know when to take someone off the prayer list.

The Chaplain prays for collegians, the church locally and around the world, global issues and community in the Offices.

Posies

Thank you to Ruth and Christine for our Mothering Sunday posies and to Paul for the idea of cards for everyone!