

**Holy Cross Church**  
**North Bersted**  
**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent – Mothering Sunday**



***Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March***

**8.00am** Holy Communion

**10.30am** Family Eucharist

***Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March***

**7.00pm** Watch and Pray

***Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March***

**10.00am** Prayer Meeting

**1.30pm** Eucharist (followed by hot drinks and conversation)

***Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March***

**1.30pm** Lent Course

***Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March***

**8.00am** Holy Communion

**10.30am** Parish Eucharist

**Special Prayer Requests** Andrew Penwarden

**Regular Prayer Requests** Father Nigel, Elaine Bishop, Sue Buggins, Doreen Edwards, Charles Paterson, Vera Roberts, Derek Hiller

**Those whom we visit at home** Margaret Porter, Jean Poplett, Lee Reeve, Nadia, Jean Etheridge, Chaz, Elizabeth Greaves

**Birthdays** Barbara McParland

**Years Mind** Antony Frogely, Iris Wingate

***If you are new to the church, please pick up a welcome envelope from the back of church.***

**Collect**

God of love,

passionate and strong,

tender and careful:

watch over us and hold us

all the days of our life;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## **Post Communion Collect**

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**

## **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 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**

## **THE GOSPEL**

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.*

***Glory to you, O Lord.***

### **Luke 2.33–35**

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. 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.***

### **Notices**

**BIG thanks** to our church cleaning team on Saturday, thanks for all their hard work! Special mention to Steve the window cleaner who managed to get all the cobwebs with his extending brushes.

**Readers for the Passion Readings required-** Palm Sunday 24th March & Good Friday 29th March. I need four readers for each reading please write your name on the list and indicate which service you can read at.

**Access Project** Great news! We have secured sufficient funding to go ahead with this project. We have received significant funding and the PCC feel that we have enough to go ahead with the project. We will be drawing on some of our reserves to get the project done so any further donations to the project will be greatly received and enable us to move ahead with other plans we have for the future. Thank you so much for your support and encouragement in relation to this project, I can't quite actually believe we are here! We are hoping the build will begin in May and should take about a month. During that time we will meet in the church hall for our Sunday worship. We will let you know when we have more details. Donation forms available at the back of church.

**Prayer Tree** During Lent there will be a prayer tree at the front of church, please add prayer requests to this. We will pray for them each Monday evening at our Watch & Pray hour, why not come along and join us.

**Renewal of our prayer lists** Every few months we like to renew our prayer lists, if you have a name on the list, please let us know which prayer list you would like it to go on. Please write the name on a piece of paper or email Jo. At Easter the list will only contain those names particularly requested. If your request is for someone else please check they are happy to be named on our prayer lists which are put online. We cannot name people without their permission.

**Sponsoring the Easter Candle** Each year we have a new candle at Easter- if you would like to sponsor the Easter Candle this year in memory of a special event or person, please speak to Jo. The cost is £76.05.

### **Dates for your diary**

**Sunday 17th March 4pm** Board Games Evening

**Saturday 27th April 10am** Gardening Session

**Saturday 11th May 10am** Plant & Cake Sale

## Services during Lent

<b>Weekly Watch &amp; Pray</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>
<b>Eucharist</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>1.30pm</b>
<b>Lent Course</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>1.30pm</b>

## Regular Events

<b>Messy Church</b>	<b>Wednesday 3pm</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup> March, 17<sup>th</sup> April</b>
<b>Prayer Meeting</b>	<b>Wednesday 10am</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> March, 10<sup>th</sup> April</b>
<b>Chat &amp; Craft</b>	<b>Wednesday 2pm</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> &amp; 27<sup>th</sup> March,</b>



The poster features a black and white photograph of a smiling child in a winter hat. At the top right, there are logos for 'ShareTheMeal' and 'United Nations World Food Programme'. The text 'SHARED MEALS' is written in large, bold, white letters. Below this, it says 'Providing meals for children and families in Ukraine'. At the bottom, there is a section titled 'Lent Appeal' with a paragraph of text, a 'FIND OUT MORE OR GIVE ONLINE' button with a dropdown arrow, and the text 'Visit the Website'. To the right of the main text, it says 'Donate at our Soup Lunch or throughout Lent - mark your donation Lent Appeal' and 'What your donation buys' followed by three options with checkmarks: 'Pay for 7 meals £4.55', 'Pay for 30 meals £19.50', and 'Pay for 50 meals £32.50'.

If you want to make an extra donation this Lent, please support our Lent charity, Shared Meals for Ukraine. Please bring any donations to church marked for the Lent Appeal.

## **Stay in Touch**

Revd Jo King 01243 926415 350 Chichester Road, North Bersted, PO21 5BX [vicar@holycrossnorthbersted.org.uk](mailto:vicar@holycrossnorthbersted.org.uk)  
Shared from the Lectionary app. Material subject to copyright. Please visit the About this App page for further information