

# St. Paul's Church Pew Sheet

## Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2009: Mothering Sunday

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### The 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.

**Please pray for** John & Joan Tovey, Mary Thorp & Margaret Etchells who are  
poorly.

### Diary

#### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March: Mothering Sunday

6.30pm Choral Eucharist (BCP)

#### Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March

2.00pm Lent Course – in church, this week using fresh insights from St  
John's Gospel, it explores *refreshment*

7.30pm Lent Course – at the Vicarage (subject as above)

#### Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March

1.05pm Said Eucharist (CW)

7.30pm Parochial Church Council meets in church

#### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March: Passiontide

6.30pm Stations of the Cross: *A service of words, images and music*

#### Wednesday 1st April

1.05pm Lunchtime Service: Said Eucharist (CW)

#### Thursday 2nd April

1.15pm Thursday *Live*

Monthly Organ Recital: Paul Carr

*Admission is free. Bring your lunch!*

### 6.30pm Choral Eucharist

**Opening hymn:** 251

**Gradual hymn:** 487

**Offertory hymn:** 238

**Communion hymn:** 121

**Final hymn:** 497

**Old Testament reading:** Exodus 2.1-10

*A cost of motherhood is letting our children go. God shares the experience of his  
cost in relation to us, as do we all with what and whom we give birth to.*

**Psalm:** 34 vs. 11-20

**New Testament reading:** 2 Corinthians 1.3-7

*The qualities Paul names are generally maternal ones. God's call to each of us  
goes beyond gender to embrace the fatherly and motherly.*

**Gospel:** Luke 2.33-35

*In letting Jesus fulfil his vocation Mary actually participated in it, feeling keenly  
the pain of God's judgement, which the word "sword" represents.*

**Anthem:** Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake - Unknown; 16th century

*'Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake, lay not our sins to our charge, but forgive that  
is past and give us grace to amend our sinful lives: to decline from sin and incline  
to virtue, that we may walk in a perfect heart before thee, now and evermore.  
Amen.'*

### The Communion

*Please come up to the altar for the sacrament, or for a blessing. If you would like a  
blessing, please hold a book in your hands.*

**Organ Voluntary:** 'Dorian' Toccata and Fugue BWV 538 – J S Bach

*Please join us on the gallery for refreshments after the service*

## Notices

**Last week** the attendance was 48 (two services).

**Church opening hours:** Until we appoint a Churchwatch to replace Susie the church will be open between 12.00pm & 2.00pm, Tuesday to Saturday

**Easter Lilies:** If you would like an Easter lily they are going to be £2.50 Please see Jean Stevens. Full details next week.

**Passiontide and Holy Week:** For full details of the events, please see the posters on the notice board or check the website: [www.saintpaulbrum.org](http://www.saintpaulbrum.org)

**Annual Parish Church Meeting** will be on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April following the 6.30pm Eucharist service. Forms for nomination of the churchwardens and election to PCC and Deanery Synod, are available from the Vicar.

**‘Growing Gifts’** Silent Retreat at Shallowford House  
12<sup>th</sup>–14<sup>th</sup> June 2009

This retreat is run by the Diocese of Birmingham at Shallowford House, Stone, Staffs, ST15 0NZ [www.shallowfordhouse.org](http://www.shallowfordhouse.org). The cost is £130 per person. More details from Ruth Cooper or Andrea Stevens at the Diocesan Office 0121 426 0429 / email: [a.stevens@birmingham.anglican.org](mailto:a.stevens@birmingham.anglican.org)  
There is more info on the noticeboard on the Gallery.

**Readings for next week:** There is a separate order of service

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Vicar: The Rev’d Mary Gilbert

*BCP – Book of Common Prayer*

*CW – Common Worship*

## Holy Week and Easter at St Paul’s:

For further details please visit the church website:  
[www.saintpaulbrum.org](http://www.saintpaulbrum.org)

### Sunday 5th April: PAL M SUNDAY

9.00am: Said Eucharist (BCP) followed by breakfast

11.00am: Parish Eucharist (CW)

6.30pm: Sung Evensong (BCP) with procession of palms

### Monday 6th April

7.30pm: A Film for Holy Week - 'Romero' shown on the gallery

### Tuesday 7th April

7.30pm: Organ improvisations and Readings on St Mark's Gospel followed by Compline

### Wednesday 8th April

1.05pm: Lunchtime Service: Said Eucharist (CW)

7.30pm: Via Crucis (*The Way of the Cross*)

A meditative musical work by Franz Liszt, with projected images (Paul Carr - organ)

### Thursday 9th April: MAUNDY THURSDAY

7.30pm: Passover meal at the Vicarage

Please book in advance

### Friday 10th April: GOOD FRIDAY

2.00pm: Meditative Service

7.30pm: Good Friday Choral Concert

Requiem (Maurice Duruflé) and Belief (John Barber)

sung by Enchant, St Paul's Choir and guests

Full details

### Sunday 12th April: EASTER DAY

10.00am: Choral Eucharist (CW)

6.30pm: Choral Eucharist (BCP)

