

# ✠ FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT ✠

## 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.**

### FIRST READING

*1 Samuel 1:20-28*

A reading from the first book of Samuel:

Hannah became pregnant and had a son. She named him Samuel. She said, "His name is Samuel because I asked the Lord for him." Elkanah went to Shiloh to offer the sacrifice for that year and the gift he had promised to the Lord. He took his family with him. But Hannah did not go. She told Elkanah, "When the boy is old enough to eat solid food, I will take him to Shiloh. Then I will give him to the Lord. He will become a Nazarite. He will stay there at Shiloh." Hannah's husband Elkanah said to her, "Do what you think is best. You may stay home until the boy is old enough to eat solid food. May the Lord do what you[c] have said." So Hannah stayed at home to nurse her son until he was old enough to eat solid food. When the boy was old enough to eat solid food, Hannah took him to the Lord's house at Shiloh. She also took a bull that was three years old, 20 pounds of flour, and a bottle of wine. They went before the Lord. Elkanah killed the bull as a sacrifice to the Lord as he usually did. Then Hannah gave the boy to Eli. She said to him, "Pardon me, sir. I am the same woman who stood near you praying to the Lord. I promise that I am telling the truth. I prayed for this child, and the Lord answered my prayer. He gave me this child. And now I give this child to the Lord. He will serve the Lord all his life." Then Hannah left the boy there and worshiped the Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### SECOND READING

*Colossians 3:12-17*

A reading from Paul's letter to the Colossians:

God has chosen you and made you his holy people. He loves you. So your new life should be like this: Show mercy to others. Be kind, humble, gentle, and patient. Don't be angry with each other, but forgive each other. If you feel someone has wronged you, forgive them. Forgive others because the Lord forgave you. Together with these things, the most important part of your new life is to love each other. Love is what holds everything together in perfect unity. Let the peace that Christ gives control your thinking. It is for peace that you were chosen to be together in one body. And always be thankful. Let the teaching of Christ live inside you richly. Use all wisdom to teach and counsel each other. Sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to

God. Everything you say and everything you do should be done for Jesus your Lord. And in all you do, give thanks to God the Father through Jesus.

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### GOSPEL

*John 19:25-27*

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.  
The Lord is a great God,  
O that today you would listen to his voice.  
Harden not your hearts.

**Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

The Lord be with you.  
**and also with you.**

A reading from the Gospel according to John.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing near by, he said to her, 'Woman, here is your son,' and to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

God of wisdom,  
may the light of your eternal Word,  
our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,  
lead us in holiness and guide us to glory;  
we ask this in his name. **Amen.**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.**

### DEANERY MISSION PRAYER

Father God,  
Who invites all people to come and see,  
be with us, we pray,  
as we seek to reach out in our parishes  
to invite others to meet Jesus  
who we have found to be life itself. **Amen.**

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## ❖ ST GEORGE'S CHORLEY ❖

### NOTICES FOR 10TH MARCH

**WELCOME** - to everyone as we gather together to hear from God in His word, to receive God in the Sacrament, and to encourage one another in our faith.

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**SUNDAY CLUB** - is our Sunday meeting for children. All primary-aged children welcome. **\*MEETS NEXT WEEK\***

**ABIDE** - is a fantastic youth evening for **11-17 year olds**. the theme is 'As You Are' which means we will be exploring God's unfailing love for us, and how knowing Jesus transforms our lives. There will be times of worship including a Eucharist celebrated by Bishop Philip, a choice of workshops and activity spaces to choose from as well as a healthy dollop of fun, games & giveaways amongst other things! It takes place **Sat. 27th April**. Email Fr Jordan: [curate@stgeorgechorley.co.uk](mailto:curate@stgeorgechorley.co.uk)

This week's schedule of services:

**Sunday - 9.30am Family Eucharist**  
Wednesday - 10am Eucharist  
**Saturday - 6pm The Vigil**  
Sunday - 9.30am Family Eucharist

**LENT LUNCH** - will take place on **Sunday 17th March** after the 9.30am Eucharist. Soup is provided and all donations will go to our Lent charity which this year is Brothers of Charity who provide a range of services to people with learning disabilities. For more info: [www.brothersofcharity.org.uk](http://www.brothersofcharity.org.uk)

**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP** - meets on **Wednesday March 13th, 7.30pm** in the Church Hall, when historian Mr A Cree will speak on 'One Man's World War I'. All welcome.

**DIOCESAN APP** - there is new diocesan app which includes the Lent Devotional, with the authors reading their devotion. To download type '*fruitful blackburn*' into the App store.

**DEANERY MISSION** - takes place on **17-19th May** all across Chorley Deanery. Please be praying for this missionary opportunity and for us to invite those we know who are yet to come to faith.

**GIFT AID** - please consider moving to standing orders; if everyone was registered, we could potentially claim another £2k. Please also note that just filling the envelope in essentially gives the church 25 percent extra on each donation for just filling in the envelope.



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Our hymns for this morning:

**Processional - (305) I danced in the morning**  
**Gradual - (738) When I survey**  
**Offertory - (605) Sing we of the blessed Mother**  
**Communion - (184) For the beauty of the earth**  
**(201) Give me joy**  
**Post Comm. - (114) Come down, O love divine**

**RISE UP** - As part of the Rise Up campaign Mother's Union have made contact with our **local women's refuge** who have told us of an urgent need for wash items as more often than not people turn up with just the clothes they're wearing. In response we're making up plain gift bags for women and children with everything needed such as soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, comb, etc. If members of the congregations of St. George's and All Saints would like to join both Mother's Union branches in participating we would very much appreciate it. We will be handing the first ones over in April.



**THE VIGIL**  
ST GEORGE'S  
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'The Vigil' is a **new** service, with a more relaxed feel, and modern songs, taking place on **Saturdays at 6pm**, in the Church Hall aimed at youth and families. Games and craft before & after. School signatures from clergy. All welcome.

**CONFESSION** - many folk find Lent a good time to have a spring clean of the soul by confessing our sins and making a fresh start before Easter. If you'd like the help of a priest please speak to Fr Mike.

**PARISH EASTER CARDS** - are available for distribution at the back of church. Please sign for the cards that you take, and deliver by 20th March. Any from 'All Saints' distribution area" that have not been picked-up at All Saints' will arrive at St. George's 10th March. Please take what you can. Thank You.

For those who are ill, especially:

**Carole Cox, Steve Cox, Heather Howarth,  
Marian Crossthwaite, Betty Purcell,  
Laura Mayo, & Ian Norman.**

For the families of those who have died recently inc:

**Patricia Thornley.**

Also for the families of those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:

**Thomas Pearson, Roy Smith, Margaret Moss,  
Lynn Carter, & Cyril Clayton.**

Please also pray for those who are housebound.

**EMAIL UPDATE** - please note John Bradley's new email address in St George's Contacts.

**LITTLE STEPS** - is our baby & toddler group which runs on Weds 10.30-11.30am in the Church Hall. All welcome.



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