

Jesus spoke these very maternal words over Jerusalem: "How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings." Let us rejoice this Mothering Sunday that Christ feels this tender, protective, motherly love for each one of us, too.

We thank you for the gift of motherhood and child bearing and the joys that this brings but we know too that this is not always easy or straightforward.

We pray for those who find today difficult because they have lost a child or are struggling to have one. Let us ask God to comfort and strengthen them.

We pray for those who are estranged from their families for whatever reason and who no longer see parents or children. Let us ask God to comfort and strengthen them.

We pray for those who have lost their mother and for whom today is a day of grief and pain. Let us ask God to comfort and strengthen them.

We pray for those innocent caught up in the terrible conflict in the Middle East and especially for parents and families who are torn apart by injuries, death or displacement. Let us ask God to comfort and strengthen them.

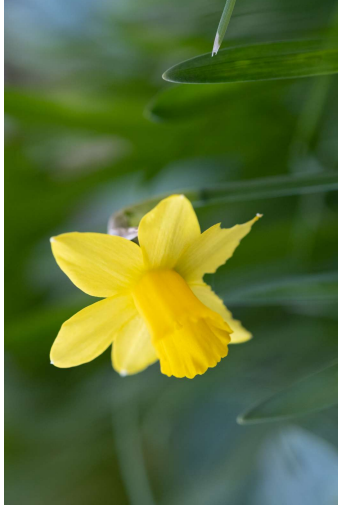
We pray for those who are ill or in any kind of distress. May they find companions along the way, and relief from their suffering. We name before you Tessa, Nicky, Nick, George, Sally, Doreen, Joy, Shirley, Margaret, Chris, Paul, Pete, Hannah, Phil, Megan, Gill and Richard. Bring them comfort and healing in their hour of need.

We remember with **thanksgiving** those who have died, praying that we may, at our own appointed time, join them to share in eternal life in God's Kingdom. We remember today the family and friends of Bishop Andrew Watson and more locally John Heath known to many in our community. We pray also for Tony Willett. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Funeral for Bishop Andrew

Bishop Paul announced this week that the funeral for Bishop Andrew will take place at Guildford Cathedral on Monday 23rd March at 12noon. The funeral will take place in the context of the Holy Eucharist. In order that as many people as possible can take part in this service there will be live screenings at several churches in the diocese. St Paul's Dorking will be the nearest church to our parish.

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Parish of Capel and Ockley

Sunday 15th March 2026

Fourth Sunday of Lent

MOTHERING SUNDAY

Sunday 15th March - Mothering Sunday
9.30 Mothering Sunday service - Ockley

10.30 Morning Worship - Capel
3-5pm Mothering Sunday Teas at Capel

Sunday 22nd March - Fifth Sunday of Lent
9.30 Holy Communion BCP - Ockley
10.30 Morning Worship - Capel

Monday 23rd March - Funeral of Bishop Andrew
12pm Live screening at St Paul's Dorking

Tuesday 24th March - Alpha Course
7pm 97 The Street - Capel

Wednesday 25th March - Lent Lunch
12-2 Home made soup, bread, cheese, fruit and cake - Capel Church
Donations welcome for the Bishop of Guilford's Lent Appeal.

Thursday 26th March - Wedding
1pm Jessica and Steven - St Margaret's Ockley

Sunday 29th March - Palm Sunday
10.30 Parish Communion - Capel

Every Wednesday 9 - 12 Pavilion Cafe in Ockley, Cricket Pavilion

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience.

Colossians 3.12

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www.capelandockleychurch.org.uk/events-calendar/