

## Intercessions

Let us pray to God,  
who alone makes us dwell in safety:

For all who are affected by coronavirus,  
through illness or isolation or anxiety,  
that they may find relief and recovery:

Lord, hear us,

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For those who are guiding our nation at this time,  
and shaping national policies,  
that they may make wise decisions:

Lord, hear us,

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For doctors, nurses and medical researchers,  
that through their skill and insights  
many will be restored to health:

Lord, hear us,

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For the vulnerable and the fearful,  
for the gravely ill and the dying,  
that they may know your comfort and peace:

Lord, hear us,

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

We commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray,  
to the mercy and protection of God.

Merciful Father,

**accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**



## Welcome to All Saints' Parish Church

### Mothering Sunday 22nd March 2020

The Church of England has put public worship  
on hold in order to face the challenge of  
coronavirus.

Where practical, All Saints' will remain open  
as a place of prayer for the community,  
observing social distancing recommendations.

#### 8.00 & 10am Morning prayer

This will be said and anyone in church at the time is  
welcome to pause, sit and listen.



#### Today we pray for:

*those with birthdays:* Michael Wright & Anne Raven

*the sick:* David Macer, Claire Wood, Sandra Gait & Louise Pike

*the anniversaries of death of:* Emily Booth, Jack Allen,  
Kenneth Brunswick, Richard Pegg, Pat Warren,  
Herbert Bowen Miller, Roma Gwilliam, Herbert Hirst,  
Tom Henson, George Jacobs & Sheila Fountain



#### A prayer for Mothering Sunday

Thank you God for the love of our mothers;  
thank you God for their care and concern;  
thank you God for the joys they have shared with us;  
thank you God for the pains they have borne for us;  
thank you God for all that they give us;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

## 1st Reading Exodus 2: 1-10

Now a man from the family of Levi married a woman who was also from the family of Levi. She became pregnant and gave birth to a son. When she saw how wonderful the baby was, she hid him for three months. But after three months she was not able to hide the baby any longer, so she got a basket made of reeds and covered it with tar so that it would float. She put the baby in the basket. Then she put the basket among the tall stalks of grass at the edge of the Nile River. The baby's sister stood a short distance away to see what would happen to him. Then the daughter of the king of Egypt came to the river to take a bath, and her servant girls were walking beside the river. When she saw the basket in the tall grass, she sent her slave girl to get it. The king's daughter opened the basket and saw the baby boy. He was crying, so she felt sorry for him and said, "This is one of the Hebrew babies." Then the baby's sister asked the king's

daughter, "Would you like me to go and find a Hebrew woman to nurse the baby for you?" The king's daughter said, "Go!" So the girl went and got the baby's own mother. The king's daughter said to the woman, "Take this baby and nurse him for me, and I will pay you." So the woman took her baby and nursed him. When the child grew older, the woman took him to the king's daughter, and she adopted the baby as her own son. The king's daughter named him Moses, because she had pulled him out of the water.



## Responsorial Psalm 34: 11-20

✠ **O taste and see that the Lord is gracious.**

Come, my children, and listen to me;  
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.  
Who is there who delights in life

and longs for days to enjoy good things? ✠

Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from lying words.  
Turn from evil and do good;  
seek peace and pursue it. ✠

The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous and his ears are open to their cry.

The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, to root out the remembrance of them from the earth. ✠

The righteous cry and the Lord hears them and delivers them out of all their troubles.

The Lord is near to the broken-hearted and will save those who are crushed in spirit. ✠

Many are the troubles of the righteous; from them all will the Lord deliver them.

He keeps all their bones, so that not one of them is broken. ✠

## 2nd Reading 2 Corinthians 1: 3-7

Praise God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! The Father is a merciful God, who always

gives us comfort. He comforts us when we are in trouble, so that we can share that same comfort with others in trouble. We share in the terrible sufferings of Christ, but also in the wonderful comfort he gives. We suffer in the hope that you will be comforted and saved. And because we are comforted, you will also be comforted, as you patiently endure suffering like ours. You never disappoint us. You suffered as much as we did, and we know that you will be comforted as we were.

## Gospel Luke 2: 33-35

The child's father and mother marvelled at what was said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too."

**Morning Prayer** will said on Monday at 8.30am  
(except Bank Holidays)  
and on Thursday at 10am