



The Edgehill Churches

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Mothering Sunday

March 2024

Thirty years ago, as a newish curate in High Wycombe, I was invited to speak about Mothering Sunday on local radio. I haven't done a broadcast since, so perhaps it wasn't a success – I know I was very nervous! Even back then, the day was often referred to as Mother's Day, and nowadays, you hardly ever hear the old term Mothering Sunday, and it's challenging to find a card for your mother that uses the previous name, rather than Mother's Day.

The origin of Mothering Sunday lies in the medieval period. On that day, people went back to the church where they were baptised, often the local cathedral, as it was the 'mother church.' Later, the day was celebrated by domestic servants, who were given a day off from their work to visit their mothers and families. They took Simnel cake as a gift, and often, a small bunch of flowers – violets if they were available. As a child, I always looked for sweet-smelling wild violets to pick for my mother on Mothering Sunday, and one of my daughters bought me a violet plant so she could continue the tradition.

Behind the Mothering Sunday celebration lies the idea too, that Jesus used language that implies mothering when he entered Jerusalem on the day we remember as Palm Sunday, and the Hebrew Bible (the Old Testament) includes the image of God as a mother in several places. For example, in the Book of Isaiah, the prophet records that God says, 'Can a woman forget her nursing child, or show no compassion for the child of her womb? Even if these forget, yet I will not forget you.' These words can bring comfort to anyone who was abandoned by their mother as a child. Those of us whose mothers have

died, can also be reassured that God's love for us never ends.

Many churches continue the tradition of Mothering Sunday today, celebrating not just mothers, but also single people, childless couples, and anyone who 'mothers' someone else, for example, those

who mentor us, or help us fulfil our potential in any way. Usually, bunches of flowers including daffodils are made up for everyone to give to a person who has 'mothered' us in a positive way. It's a joyful opportunity to present a small bunch of flowers to someone whom we appreciate.

Mothering Sunday this year falls on March 10th, and we welcome everyone to our services at Combroke (9am), Kinton (10am), and Warmington (10.30am) that day.

I hope you can join us at one of them.

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MARCH SERVICES IN THE EDGEHILL PARISHES

	Kineton	Combroke	Radway	Ratley	Warmington	Shotteswell
3rd	10.00am Simply Celebrate		8.30am Communion	10.30am Communion		8.30am BCP Comm
10th	10.00am Simply Celebrate	9.00am Communion			10.30am Communion	
17th	8.30am BCP Comm	10.00am Morning Worship	10.30am Communion	6.30pm Communion		8.30am Communion
24th	10.30am Communion				10.30am Communion	8.30am Communion
31st	10.30am Communion	9.00am Communion	3pm Communion	6.30pm Communion	10.30am Communion	8.30am Communion

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday 1st March, 2.30pm at Hornton Methodist Church. This year the service has been put together by Christian women from Palestine. All are welcome



SHOTTESWELL LUNCH

Saturday 2nd Mar 12.30 - 2pm, Shotteswell Village Hall

Come and join us for some good company over a light lunch. Small raffle with proceeds in aid of St Laurence Church, Shotteswell. Details from Pauline 01295 730687 or pauline.tarrant@hotmail.co.uk



SIMPLY CELEBRATE

**Sunday 3rd March
10am St Peter's Kineton**



Come for **breakfast** to begin the service. A time with God for everyone. Our young people lead the service with Bible readings, leading prayers, dramas, actions songs, and more

10:10

**A YOUTH GROUP FOR
9-11 YEAR OLDS**

Sun 10th Mar, 5.30-7.00pm

10:10 is a youth group for years 5-6 ... Pizza, games and chat about God, life, the universe and everything.

Registration essential

Sarah at sarah.jackson05@hotmail.co.uk
or **Liz** at SPKfamilies@gmail.com



Build imagination with Lego!

Sat 16th Mar, 10.30am, Warmington Village Hall

Snacks/drinks available and it's free!

Children must bring an adult

(BUT adults don't need to be accompanied by a child!)
for more details contact:

Rev.AlisonAbbott@gmail.com or phone 07923 442970

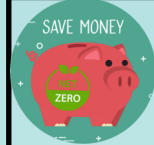
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RADWAY'S TEA, CHAT & PLAY

Every Wednesday 3pm -5pm in the Village Hall

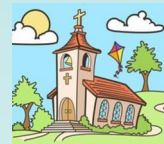
All ages are welcome from babies to grandpas!



NET ZERO ON A BUDGET: SAVING THE PLANET, SAVING MONEY

Sat 16th Mar 1.30pm Kineton Primary School

If you'd like to explore ways to save money and help move towards a Net Zero future then come along to the first of our Eco Church events. With talks, information, ideas, and opportunities to discuss and share your own views and experiences. The event is designed to help set us on a path to reducing living costs **AND** reducing carbon.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

at Kineton Primary School

on Sunday March 17th from 10:15-11:30

For children ages 4-11

An action-packed time for children, where parents can drop them off at the school, and pick them up later from church. Details from Liz at

SPKfamilies@gmail.com

MAUNDY THURSDAY MEAL

Thurs 28th Mar 7pm at Kineton Methodist Church

A reflective communion service focussed on the events of the last evening Jesus spent with his disciples before he was crucified.



THE EDGEHILL GOOD FRIDAY WALK

Friday 29th March starts at Shotteswell Church at 11.30am

Join us for a 6.5 mile walk around the Edgehill area with a short service at each of the villages along the way. **Everyone Welcome**



SIMPLY PLAY

Wednesdays 9.00am-11am

St Peter's Kineton in term time

Come and catch up with friends over coffee and cake whilst your toddlers enjoy our new soft play area. More details Liz SPKfamilies@gmail.com



THE BEREAVEMENT CAFÉ

A weekly drop-in group

Mondays 2:00-3:30pm Scout Hut, Kineton

Grief and loss of any type is painful and isolating. Come and join us in a safe, gentle environment for tea/coffee and a chat.

More info from Matthew at mtr.arnold@googlemail.com