

**The Parish Church of
St John the Baptist, Beeston**

PARISH EUCHARIST



Mothering Sunday
(The Fourth Sunday of Lent)

Sunday 15th March 2026

10am

WELCOME TO ST JOHN'S

You are very welcome here as you join us in worship. Please sit or stand as you feel comfortable, although guidance is provided.

Please try to be quiet before the service begins.

If you are a newcomer please take note of the position of the exits, which are clearly marked. There are the doors at the rear where you came in and also fire exits towards the front left-hand side of the church. In the event of an emergency, stewards will direct you to the nearest exit and assembly point.

Toilet and baby change are available towards the back of church.

Please join us for refreshments after the service.

If you would like more information about our church please speak to the Vicar or one of the stewards. Information can also be found on our website: www.beestonparishchurch.com, and our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/beestonparishchurch.

Photographs and Videos

Please refrain from taking pictures or videos during the service.

Communion - We will be offering communion in both kinds (bread and wine) Please refrain from dipping consecrated wafers into the communion wine. Communion wine will be offered from a common cup in the normal way. Please receive the bread and then the wine, if you wish to, and return to your places.

If you would prefer to receive a prayer of blessing, come forward in the usual way carrying a service sheet with you, so we know you're asking for a blessing rather than communion.

If you are unable to come forward to receive communion, please advise a steward or member of clergy and communion will be brought to you in your place.

Gluten free wafers are available; please indicate to the priest as you go up to receive communion if this is your preference.

Financial Support

There will be no offertory collection during the service, but there will be a plate by the door on leaving church at which you are invited to make a donation. If you're able to give a gift, one way to give is via our CAF Online Giving page. This can be accessed via <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/16013> or via the QR code below. We are grateful to all who are able to support our mission and ministry. Additionally, there is now a contactless giving machine at the back of church available for your use.



ORDER OF SERVICE

The President is Father Paul Knight and the Preacher is Father Wayne Plimmer

GATHERING

*All stand to sing the **PROCESSIONAL HYMN** (HON 612) when announced.*

**Tell out, my soul,
the greatness of the Lord!
Un-numbered blessings,
give my spirit voice;
tender to me the
promise of his word;
in God my Saviour
shall my heart rejoice.**

**Tell out, my soul,
the greatness of his Name!
Make known his might,
the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure,
from age to age the same;
his holy Name,
the Lord, the Mighty One.**

**Tell out, my soul,
the greatness of his might!
Pow'rs and dominions
lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are
put to flight,
the hungry fed,
the humble lifted high.**

**Tell out, my soul,
the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise
and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul,
the greatness of the Lord
to children's children
and for evermore!**

THE GREETING

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you

All and also with you.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Let us call to mind our sin, our failure to value the love of others and our failure to love as Christ has loved us.

**All Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought,**

in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
**We have wounded your love
and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed,
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;
and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light.
Amen.**

KYRIE ELEISON *is sung*

All **Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.**

**Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.**

**Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.**

*The Priest says the **ABSOLUTION**, proclaiming God's forgiveness and all respond
Amen.*

THE COLLECT

The Priest introduces a period of silent prayer and then says the prayer of the day.

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.

All **Amen.**

All sit for the reading.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING: 2 Corinthians 1.3-7

Read by Sheenagh Bloomfield

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

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

*All stand. During the **HYMN** (HON 341) please turn to face the Gospel as it is processed into the congregation. Remain standing for the Gospel Reading*

**Jesus, good above all other,
gentle child of gentle mother,
in a stable born our brother,
give us grace to persevere.**

**Jesus, cradled in a manger,
for us facing ev'ry danger,
living as a homeless stranger,
make we thee our King most dear.**

**Jesus, for thy people dying,
risen Master, death defying.**

**Lord in heav'n, thy grace supplying,
keep us to thy presence near.**

**Jesus, who our sorrows bearest,
all our thoughts and hopes thou
sharest,
thou to us the truth declarest;
help us all thy truth to hear.**

**Lord, in all our doings guide us;
pride and hate shall ne'er divide us;
we'll go on with thee beside us,
and with joy we'll persevere.**

GOSPEL READING: Luke 2.33-35

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.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about Jesus. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising

of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too.’

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

The Gospel procession returns to the altar. Please sit at the invitation of the preacher.

SERMON *Father Wayne Plimmer*

All stand for **THE CREED**

All **We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.**

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *led by Ian Thomson*

Please sit to pray. One of these responses may be used

All Lord, in your mercy *or* Lord, hear us
Hear our prayer. **All** **Lord, graciously hear us.**

At the end

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

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

THE PEACE

The Priest invites the congregation to stand and introduces the Peace.

Through the prophet Isaiah, God says,
'As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you.'
The peace of the Lord be always with you
All **and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

You are invited to greet those near to you with an appropriate sign of peace

OFFERTORY HYMN (HON 410)

Lord of all hopefulness,
Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever child-like,
no cares could destroy,
Be there at our waking,
and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord,
at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness,
Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled
at the plane and the lathe,
be there at our labours,
and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord,
at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness,
Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome,
your arms to embrace,
be there at our homing,
and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord,
at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness,
Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment,
whose presence is balm,
be there at our sleeping,
and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts,
Lord, at the end of the day.

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

The Priest says

God of mercy and compassion,
your Word calls us home to faith and love.
accept all we offer you this day;
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

All **Amen.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Remain standing as the Priest says

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

The Priest praises God for his mighty acts and all respond

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Priest recalls the Last Supper and all respond

All Great is the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

The Prayer continues and all respond

... all honour and glory be yours, Almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

All sit. Silence is kept

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

All **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Priest breaks the consecrated bread, saying

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

All **Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

The Agnus Dei is sung

All **Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

GIVING OF COMMUNION

The Priest invites the people to receive communion.

Come, not because you are strong but because you are weak.
Come, not because of any goodness of your own but because you need mercy and help.
Come, because you love the Lord a little and would like to love him more.
Come, because he loves you and gave himself for you.

All **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

Please come forward to receive communion if you wish. If you would prefer not to receive communion, you are warmly encouraged to come forward for a prayer of blessing; please hold your hands by your side or carry a service sheet so the Priest knows you'd like a prayer rather than communion.

Communion is offered in both kinds, bread and wine, but if you'd prefer to take a consecrated wafer and not receive from the communion cup, then you're welcome to do so. Please refrain from drinking the consecrated wine if you have any cold or flu symptoms or are feeling unwell.

The body of Christ.

All **Amen.**

The blood of Christ.

All **Amen.**

COMMUNION HYMN (HON 166)

**For Mary, mother of our Lord,
God's holy name be praised,
who first the Son of God adored,
as on her child she gazed.**

**The angel Gabriel brought the word
she should Christ's mother be;
our Lady, handmaid of the Lord,
made answer willingly.**

**The heav'nly call she thus obeyed,
and so God's will was done;
the second Eve love's answer made
which our redemption won.**

**She gave her body for God's shrine,
her heart to piercing pain,
and knew the cost of love divine
when Jesus Christ was slain.**

**Dear Mary, from your lowliness
and home in Galilee,
there comes a joy and holiness
to every family.**

**Hail, Mary, you are full of grace,
above all women blest;
and blest your Son,
whom your embrace
in birth and death confessed.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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.

All **Amen.**

All God of our pilgrimage,
you have fed us with the bread of heaven.
Refresh and sustain us
as we go forward on our journey,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Following the notices, all stand for **THE BLESSING**

May God, who gave birth to all creation, bless you:
may God, who became incarnate by an earthly mother, bless you:
may God, who broods as a mother over her children, bless you.
May almighty God bless you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
now and for ever.

All Amen.

Remain standing for the Final Hymn (HON 465(i)). Please turn to face the back of church as the procession withdraws.

**Now thank we all our God,
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.**

**O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;**

3.

**and keep us in His grace,
and guide us when perplexed;
and free us from all ills,
in this world and the next.**

**All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given;
the Son, and Him Who reigns
with them in highest Heaven;
the one eternal God,
whom earth and Heav'n adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Today 6:30pm Taizé Service

Wednesday 18th 10am Said Eucharist

Sunday 22nd 8am Said Eucharist
10am Parish Sung Eucharist with Anointing

Prayers: Please keep those who are unwell, including Mari Herter and Stefan Delorme, Ben and Sophie Sanderson, Baby George Smith, Cynthia Wiggins, Beverley Gray, Peter Shaw, Brenda Smith, Shaun Hancox and Alan Holmes in your prayers. Please also remember those who died recently, including Jean Cameron, as well as all those who mourn.

NOTICES

Walking with the Word: The Bible study sessions will come to a close on 21st March, 10am to 11:30am in church. It's an opportunity to study the Bible together with no previous experience required! You don't need to have attended the first two sessions to come along. If you are interested, please sign up on the sheet at the back of church.

The next Julian meeting will be on Thursday 19th March at 4.30pm. This meeting is a monthly opportunity to sit in silent prayer in church for thirty minutes.

Messy Church: our next Messy Church session is on Saturday 28th March. 3-5pm, when we'll be meeting to think about the story of Holy Week and Easter. All families with children are welcome to join us for activities, craft and food.

Eco Corner -Creating a well made space: It's that time of year when we declutter and spring clean. It's good to invest in well made objects to create a beautiful space. If you need that extra cupboard to tidy things away, a bookcase to create a homely room or a vase to display the spring flowers why not look in your nearest vintage or antique store. There are many interesting and unique pieces, good quality and half the price of many new things.

APCM: This year's APCM takes place on **Sunday, 26th April**, after the 10am service. If you are interested in joining the **PCC**, we have 12 places available. We will also be electing **3 Deanery Synod Representatives** as well as **Church Wardens**. Nomination forms are at the back of church.

In order to be a PCC Trustee, you must have been on the Church Electoral Roll for at least 6 months. All elected PCC Trustees must undertake safeguarding training and a DBS check

There will be no offertory collection during the service, but there will be a plate by the door on leaving church at which you are invited to make a donation. If you're able to give a gift, one way to give is via our **CAF Online Giving page**. This can be accessed via <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/16013> or via the **QR code below**. Alternatively, you can make a donation directly to our bank account, number 50149438, sort code 40-10-06. We are grateful to all who are able to support our mission and ministry at this difficult time.

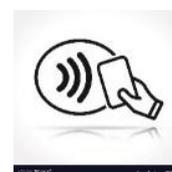
We now have a **contactless giving box** on one of the tables at the back of church. It is very simple to use, with onscreen instructions. You can use either a credit or debit card. Although the machine is set up for a **£6 donation**, you have the option to raise or lower it at your discretion.

Please can we also draw your attention to the **Gift Aid forms and envelopes**, available at the back of church? If you are a tax payer, you are able to Gift Aid any donations made, which means we will receive **25% more than the donation amount**. So, for example, should you donate £10, the church will automatically receive an extra £2.50 via Gift Aid. The Gift Aid we receive really does make a big difference, so we would appreciate you signing up for this.

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Once you have finished with it, we would encourage you to recycle it.



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Holy Week 2026

Sunday 29 th March Palm Sunday	8am Quiet Eucharist, without hymns 10am Sung Eucharist with Distribution of Palms & Dramatic Reading of the Passion Story
Monday 30 th March	7.30pm The office of Tenebrae: Entering the darkness The name Tenebrae is the Latin word for "darkness". This service has its origins in ancient monastic traditions at the end of Lent. It is marked by the reading of Psalms and verses from the book of Lamentations. It is a simple service of music, readings, silence, and the gradual extinguishing of candles. This is an opportunity to reflect on Jesus's journey into darkness during his last days on earth, while also acknowledging the darkness in our world today.
Tuesday 31 st March	7.30pm Stations of the Cross Walking the Way of the Cross with Jesus, quiet reflection and hymns
Wednesday 1 st April	10.00am Eucharist 7.30pm Renewal of Ministries and Blessing of Oils <i>at Southwell Minster. All welcome (lifts available)</i>
Thursday 2 nd April Maundy Thursday	7.30pm Mass of the Last Supper, Washing of Feet & Watch of the Passion until midnight (NOTE: Incense will be used)
Friday 3 rd April Good Friday	12noon Church open for quiet prayer 2.00pm Good Friday Liturgy
Saturday 4 th April Holy Saturday	8.00pm Lighting of the Paschal (Easter) Candle, Vigil of Readings (listening to the story of salvation from the Bible) and the first Mass of Easter (NOTE: Incense will be used) Followed by Prosecco!
Sunday 5 th April Easter Day	10.00am Festival Eucharist 6.30pm BCP Evening Prayer (Traditional Language)



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Regular Church Services

Sundays	8am	Said Eucharist
	10am	Sung Eucharist & Sunday School
Wednesdays	10am	Said Eucharist
Every 1 st Sunday	6:30pm	BCP Evening Prayer
Every 3 rd Sunday	6:30pm	Taizé Service
Every 1 st Tuesday	2pm	'Green Pastures' Dementia Friendly Service

Regular Church Groups/Activities

Tuesdays (Term time)	9:30am	ABC2 Baby and Toddler Group
Thursdays	10am	Coffee Stop
Every 3 rd Thursday	4:30pm	Julian Prayer Group
Every Friday	7:25pm	Choir Practice
Every 1 st , 3 rd & 4 th Sunday	10am	Youth Group
Every 2 nd Sunday	6pm	Youth Group

Open Door

We aim to open on Wednesdays, following the 10am Eucharist until 12pm