

All Thank you God for the love of mothers and carers:
thank you God for their care and concern;
thank you God for the joy they have shared with us;
thank you God when they have had to put up with us;
thank you God for all that they give us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Hymn 200 Great is thy faithfulness

A collection will be taken during the singing of this hymn

The Blessing

May our wonderful God,
who has blessed us so much
with the gift of mothers and carers,
who has loved us so much by sending us his only Son,
and who has given us new birth by his Spirit,
strengthen us to live and work for others.

And may the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

NOTICE BOARD

On the 24 March at 7pm Wetherden Baptist Church are holding a film night to watch 'The Case for Christ'. This is the story of Lee Strobel – a legal journalist for the Chicago Tribune who set out to disprove the resurrection of Jesus. This is an amazing story. If you are interested, please let the Rector know for numbers, that would help. More info at <https://wetherdenbaptist.org.uk/>

The Friends of St John's have a range of Easter Cards for sale on their table at the back of church. Prices as marked, profits to Friend's funds.

The week ahead

This evening 7.00pm CYFA Group meet at the Rectory

Mon 12 Mar 10.00am Coffee break at the Rectory.

Wed 13 Mar 12noon The third of this year's Lent meetings in the church room.

Sat 17 Mar 9.00am Prayer meeting in the church room.

Further Ahead

Wed 21 Mar 12.00 The Fourth and final of this year's Lent meetings in the church room.

Sun 25 Mar 2.30pm Church Spring Walk - meet at the Rectory.

Tue 27 Mar 2.00pm Choir practice in the church room.

Wed 28 Mar 2:15pm Memorial service for Victor Mayhew

Thu 29 Mar 7.30pm Maundy Thursday Service.

Fri 30 Mar 10.00am Good Friday Service (Baptist Church).

Next Sunday...

9.30am Breakfast Church (breakfast from 9.00am)

11.00am Holy Communion (Common Worship)

St John's Church, Elmswell



*Thank God
for Mums!*

**Mothers Sunday
11 March 10:30am**

If you are here for the first time, a warm welcome to you. Everyone is invited to stay for tea and coffee in the church room after the service.

Welcome and Greeting

The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

As a mother comforts a child so will I comfort you,
says the Lord. *Isaiah 66.13*

Hymn O God beyond all praising,

we worship you today
and sing the love amazing
that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder
at every gift you send,
at blessings without number
and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you
and wait upon your word,
we honour and adore you,
our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Saviour,
accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favour
may serve you as our king;
and whether our tomorrows
be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows
and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty
and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty
our sacrifice of praise.

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Confession

Lord Jesus, forgive us for turning away from you,
and ignoring your will for our lives:

All Save us and help us

Lord Jesus, forgive us for behaving just as we wish,
without thinking of you:

All Save us and help us

Lord Jesus, forgive us for failing you by what we do,
and think and say:

All Save us and help us

Lord Jesus, forgive us for letting ourselves be
drawn away from you by the temptations around
us:

All Save us and help us

May almighty God, who loved the world so much
he gave us his only Son to die for us,
bring us his pardon and peace.

All Amen

The Collect (Special Prayer for Mothering Sunday)

God of love, passionate and strong, tender and
careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of
our life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen

Mother's Day Quiz

Song 688 Give thanks to the Lord

Bible reading: Exodus 2:1-10 Dylan Goodridge

Song / Creed

Do you believe in the Father God?
Do you believe He's true?
Do you believe He made the world
And He made both me and you?

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?
Do you believe He's true?
Do you believe He died on a cross
And He died for me and you?

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
Do you believe He's true?
Do you believe He's alive today
And He lives in me and you?

Do you believe it? Yes I do!
Do you believe it? Yes I do!
Do you believe it? Yes I do!
I believe it's true.

Words/Music : Andi Markham

Bible Talk Rev Ernest Okeke

Song: Spirit of God

*Spirit of God, unseen as the wind
gentle as is the dove;
teach us the truth and help us believe,
show us the Saviour's love!*

You spoke to us long, long ago,
gave us the written word;
we read it still, needing its truth
through it God's voice is heard.

Spirit of God ...

Without your help we fail our Lord,
we cannot live His way;
we need Your power, we need Your strength,
following Christ each day.

Spirit of God ...

Prayers Carol Blissett

**All Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
And the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

For the care of mothers and carers;

All Thanks be to God.

For their patience when tested;

All Thanks be to God.

For their love when tired;

All Thanks be to God.

For their hope when despairing;

All Thanks be to God.

For their service without limit;

All Thanks be to God.

Posies are distributed while we sing "Anne's Song"

Lord, we pray, on this day
Send on Mothers your blessing.
Love unspared, troubles shared
Mothers always are knowing.
Thank them for caring and loving us
Through the years of growing.
With your love from above,
Lord, we ask for your blessing.