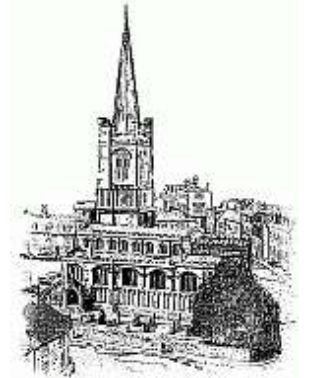


## Parish of All Saints with St John, Stamford

### 22nd March 2020 Fourth Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday



Due to the risk of infection during the coronavirus pandemic and following the advice issued by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, all services at All Saints' Church are suspended until further notice.

The churches will be open every day for visitors and personal prayer.

Please note the following events are also cancelled:

Wednesday Lent Study Group  
Friday Lent Lunches at the URC Hall, Broad Street  
Friday Choir practices  
Saturday Men's Breakfast at the Blue Bell, Easton-on-the-Hill

You are welcome to take this sheet with you, and please see our website [stamfordallsaints.org.uk](http://stamfordallsaints.org.uk) for news and links to other resources.

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## Prayer and readings for today

### Collect (Prayer for today)

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. **Amen.**

### First reading: 1 Samuel 1. 20-end

In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the LORD.' The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the LORD, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.' Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only—may the LORD establish his word.' So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh; and the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, 'Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the LORD. For this child I prayed; and the LORD has granted me the petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he is given to the LORD.'

### Second reading: Colossians 3. 12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive

each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

### The Gospel reading: John 19. 25-27

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

If you wish to donate in memory of a loved one towards the church decorations for Easter, please use a Gift Aid envelope and mark it 'For **Easter Lilies**' and leave in the postbox at the back of church. Suggested donation is £3 per lily.

This week's **Hope into Action** Prayer Points: please see noticeboard.

All donations for **Stamford Foodbank** welcome, especially as some basic foodstuffs are not always in stock in local shops at the moment. The collection box in church will be checked daily, or donations may be taken to the Unity Centre, West Street, on Monday, Wednesday or Friday afternoons between 1pm and 2.45pm ONLY please.