

# Inspiration sheet

your weekly update of what is happening at St Anne's

## SUNDAY SERVICES



### This Sunday - 23 March

**10 am Lent 3:** We continue to read 'Wild, Bright Hope' our lent book this year reflecting on chapter 5 'Hope and the Church of England'.

### Next Sunday - 30 March Mothering Sunday

**10 am Mothering Sunday:** We celebrate Mothering Sunday at our service of holy communion with the giving of flowers. We acknowledge both the pain and joy, the sorrow and pride of this event. All welcome.

**Sunday School** for children aged 4 and above runs from the sermon slot till the distribution of communion. Younger children are welcome to use the children's corner.



**All our services are live streamed; watch via our YouTube account 'St Anne, Sale'**

## NEWS

**New electoral roll:** This year, all parishes in England need to create a new Electoral Roll in preparation for our Annual Meeting in April. Please pick up your form at the back of church OR download from our website.

**LENT:** The Big Church Read Lent book for 2025 called 'Wild Bright Hope' discussion group meets on Wednesdays from 11am to 12 noon Week 3: please read chapter 6 'A vision for hope in politics' in preparation for our study session this Weds 26 March.



**British Summer Time:** Next Sunday 30 March is the start of BST so don't forget to put your clocks forward which means we lose an hour's sleep.



## PRAYER & THANKSGIVING

Please email the vicar ([alisoncox19@hotmail.com](mailto:alisoncox19@hotmail.com)) with your prayer requests. Deadline for inclusion in the Inspiration Sheet is 9 am on Saturday.

### For those in any kind of need:

- Peter Barton; Jill Venn (friend of Barbara Abell); Jacqueline Taylor; Doreen Cropper; Alistair and Jenny Egarr; Grace Greenwood; Jean Hadden (Pat Kelly's cousin); Cathy Picken, Fiona Barton, Richard Seacome, and Archdeacon Jane Proudfoot.

**For peace:** for the conflict in Ukraine, Russia, Gaza, Israel, and Syria.

**For our Sunday School:** we pray for Shauna and those offering to help re-launch our Sunday School.

**For our Future Foundations project** as we hear from our land agent a proposal for next steps.

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## EVENTS THIS WEEK:



LIVING  
HOPE

### Monday 24 March

### Tuesday 25 March

- 6 pm Eco Group
- 6.45 pm Choir practice
- 7.00 pm PCC meeting at the school

### Wednesday 26 March

- 10 am Holy Communion
- 11 am Lent group discuss chapter 6 of Wild, Bright Hope
- 12- 2pm The Bread & Butter Thing in the hall

### Thursday 27 March

- 10 am & 11am Two school groups from Temple Moor visit church
- 1.30 pm Craft and chat in hall

### Friday 28 March

- 9.15 am Toddler group in hall
- 5 pm Sale Youth Choirs concert in church

### Saturday 29 March

- 9.30 am Morning Prayer via zoom (please email Alison for details)
- 2 pm MU make posies in church for Mothering Sunday

## Annual Meeting

Our Annual Meeting (Annual Parochial Church Meeting APCM) takes place on **Sunday 6 April at 11.30 am** in the church hall.

All those on the Electoral Roll are welcome to attend and vote. Also at this meeting, we receive the Annual Report on the activities of 2024 and the Financial Report on 2024. We also vote in a new Church Council (Parochial Church Council PCC). This meets 8 times a year and is the main governance of St Anne's so if you care about how this church is managed, please consider joining the PCC. Those voted on will serve for one year (until the Annual Meeting next year).

Speak to PCC secretary Ann Hunt or Church warden Andrew Egarr to learn more.

## LENT LUNCH THIS SUNDAY

At St Anne's we hold a Lent lunch and through it we remember Jesus compassion and how he cared for others. This year our donations will be sent to USPG 'Bring care in crisis' appeal to support the critical work of the Diocese of Jerusalem in delivering essential medical aid to the people of Gaza through the Al Ahli hospital.

We will share a simple meal of soup and bread and butter, cheese and fruit for those who want it.

Who is the lunch for? Everyone! Come and join us for a time of fellowship and donate to a worthy cause on **Sunday 23 March at 12 noon.**

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES

- **Prayer Walk:** Come and pray together for our parish for about an hour. We gather at 11.45 am at church on Sunday 13 April for a Prayer Walk led by Brian Dunham and Bip Choudhury.
- **Earth hour today!** Join in by switching off your electrical appliances at 8.30 pm for one hour today (Saturday 22 March).
- **eSpire magazine:** the deadline for contributions for April magazine is Weds 26 March. Please email [howard.mason1@btopenworld.com](mailto:howard.mason1@btopenworld.com)
- **Fairtrade Stall:** today we are selling Easter cards, gifts for Mothering Sunday and Easter. Come along and see the selection.
- **Litter pick:** The Eco Group is gathering for a local litter pick on Tuesday 22 April at 5.30 pm at church.