

MARCH COLLECT

Almighty God whose dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain and entered not into glory before he was crucified; mercifully grant that we, walking the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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 forever. Amen.

Common Worship Lectionary Readings for March 2026 (Year A)

1st March 2nd Sunday of Lent	Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17 John 3: 1-17	Purple
8th March 3rd Sunday of Lent	Romans 5: 1-11 John 4: 5-42	Purple
15th March 4th Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday	Colossians 3: 12-17 John 19: 25b-27	Purple
22nd March Passiontide	Romans 8: 6-11 John 11: 1-45	Purple
29th March Palm Sunday	Philippians 2: 5-11 Matthew 21: 1-11	Red



Inclusive and caring parishes,
working together
to celebrate and share God's Love,
in our villages and wider world.



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**St James the Great, Clayton, St Mary the Virgin, Cropredy
All Saints, Great Bourton, All Saints, Mollington
St Mary Magdalene, Wardington**

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Services for March

1 st March 2 nd Sunday of Lent			
Claydon	Visiting Sunday		
Cropredy	9.30 am	Family Communion	SF
Gt. Bourton	11 am	Morning Worship	SU
Mollington	Visiting Sunday/Baptism at 2pm Clarke family		
Wardington	Visiting Sunday		
8 th March 3 rd Sunday of Lent			
Claydon	Visiting Sunday		
Cropredy	10.30 am	Morning Worship	SF
Gt Bourton	Visiting Sunday		
Mollington	9.00 am	Family Communion	SF
Wardington	10.30 am	Family Service	SU
15 th March 4 th Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday			
Claydon	4.00 pm	Songs of Praise	SU
Cropredy	10.00 am	Seeker Service	SC/RC
Gt Bourton	11.00 am	Family Communion	SF
Mollington	Visiting Sunday		
Wardington	Visiting Sunday		
22 nd March Passion Sunday			
Claydon	11.00 am	Family Communion	SF
Cropredy	Visiting Sunday		
Gt. Bourton	Visiting Sunday		
Mollington	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer	SF
Wardington	9.30 am	Family Communion	SF
29 th March Palm Sunday			
Cropredy	11.00 am	United Benefice	SF/SU

Lent and Easter are traditional times for preparing for baptism. If anyone would like to explore baptism or confirmation please don't hesitate to speak with me.

APCM March Dates:

Cropredy: After 10.30am Service, 8th March

Wardington: Thursday 19th March 7pm Church

Mollington: Tuesday 24th March 7pm Church

Lent and Easter

Lent is a journey of self-examination, penitence, self-denial, study, almsgiving and preparation for Easter. We are now underway at Morning Prayer discussing Bishop Steven's excellent Lent Come & See, exploring how we encounter Jesus in Holy Communion. Our Sundays will also be looking at these materials too in more depth, as will the Benefice Bible Study group. Do join in where you can to make the most of the opportunity for growth in faith.

Palm Sunday is a *United Benefice Service at 11am* in Cropredy, joint also with the Methodist Chapel and followed by a community lunch in the Village Hall. A really good time to share together at the start of Holy Week. Please let Verna know if you are coming. (01295 758222)

Maundy Thursday, 7pm All Saints Mollington

Good Friday Cropredy - 12 Noon for Prayers with the Cross at the Green, 12.15 for the Reflective Service.

Easter Sunday Worship across the Benefice

9.30 **Cropredy:** 10.30am **Wardington:** 11am **Great Bourton:** 4.30pm **Claydon**

I look forward to seeing many of you as we join in this journey towards Easter.

Best wishes

Revd Sarah

Dates for your Diary

Sunday 1st March – Claydon Village Breakfast

10am – 12 noon. Church Room

Friday 6th March Cropredy

World Day of Prayer 4.00 pm prepared by the women of Nigeria

Saturday 14th March Bourtons' Big Breakfast

Village Hall 9am – 11.30 am.

Wednesday 18th March – Claydon

Coffee Morning from 10am – 12 noon in the Church Room. All welcome.

Saturday 21st March – Wardington

Bell Tower Open Day. 2pm – 4pm.

Wednesday 25th March The Bourtons' Community Coffee Morning

Village Hall 10.30 am – 12 noon