

# Mothering Sunday

## Church of the Resurrection and St Barnabas



In the lectionary reading today from the Book of Samuel we hear how his mother Hannah prayed to the Lord for a son, and when that prayer was granted she waited until he was weaned and then took him to the Temple, to Eli the Priest, and offered him into the Lord's service saying, 'as long as he lives he is given to the Lord.' We also hear in the Gospel reading from Luke 2 how Simeon

blessed the baby Jesus, proclaimed his coming greatness and mission, and said to Mary 'a sword will pierce your own soul too'.

These Bible stories show us, if we didn't already know, that motherhood involves sacrifice and pain as well as joy, that dedicating our children to the Lord, as of course we should do, can be a difficult and challenging process. Yes, today is a special day when we celebrate mothers and all they do, but it also gives us an opportunity to celebrate those aunts, grandmothers, and family friends who also play such a significant role in caring and nurturing children. Why not thank God today for those who have cared for, loved and helped us - and for the many who still do!



Chelsea, Princess and family with Bishop Mark at their Confirmation Service last Sunday. It was a lovely celebration!

### Easter Flower donations please

There's a plate at the back of church if you feel you can make a contribution to the Easter flowers. Many thanks. Revd Adam

### Books/DVDs

There are books and DVDs on tables in the corridor. If you'd like any, please make a donation if you can

### Covid-19 update

Following the latest Church of England guidance mask wearing is now optional, but please be aware of others' needs.

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### UKRAINE

Please continue to pray for the situation in Ukraine. Prayer sheets are at the back of church

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### 2022 LENT COURSE CONTINUES

Tomorrow night, 7.30pm at St Cross Church, Clayton. Our theme this Lent is 'Embracing Justice'

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### FIRST COMMUNION

Also, please continue to pray for our First Communion candidates from Resurrection Primary and St Barnabas Primary schools