

**MARCH COLLECT**

Holy God, our lives are laid open before you: rescue us from the chaos of sin and through the death of your Son bring us healing and make us whole in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Common Worship Lectionary Reading for March 2025  
(Year C)**

<b>2<sup>nd</sup> March</b> <b>Sunday next before Lent</b>	2 Corinthians 3: 12-42 Luke 9: 28-36 (37-43a)	<b>Green</b>
<b>5<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>Ash Wednesday</b>	Isaiah 58: 1-12 Psalm 51: 1-18 John 8: 1-11	<b>Purple</b>
<b>9<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>	Romans 10: 8b-13 Luke 4: 1-13	<b>Purple</b>
<b>16<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>	Philippians 3: 17-4: 1 Luke 13: 31-35	<b>Purple</b>
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> March</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>	1 Corinthians 10: 1-13 Luke 13: 1-9	<b>Purple</b>
<b>30<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> <b>Mothering Sunday</b>	2 Corinthians 1: 3-7 Luke 2: 33-35	<b>Purple</b>



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

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## Services for March

### 2<sup>nd</sup> March Sunday Next Before Lent

Claydon	Visiting Sunday		
Cropredy	9.30 am	Holy Communion	SF
Gt. Bourton	11.00 am	St Saints All Age Sunday	SU/SF
Mollington	Visiting Sunday		
Wardington	Visiting Sunday		

### 5<sup>th</sup> March Ash Wednesday United Benefice

Mollington	7.00 pm	HC/Ashing	SF
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### 9<sup>th</sup> March 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

Claydon	4.00 pm	Evening Prayer	SF
Cropredy	10.30 am	Morning Worship	SF
Gt. Bourton	Visiting Sunday		
Mollington	9.00 am	Holy Communion	SF
Wardington	10.30 am	Family Service	SU

### 16<sup>th</sup> March 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

Claydon	Visiting Sunday		
Cropredy	10.00 am	Seeker Service	SC/RC
Gt. Bourton	11.00 am	Family Communion	SF
Mollington	Visiting Sunday		
Wardington	Visiting Sunday		

### 23<sup>rd</sup> March 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

Claydon	11.00 am	Family Communion	SF/SU
Cropredy	Visiting Sunday		
Gt. Bourton	Visiting Sunday		
Mollington	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer	SF
Wardington	9.30 am	Family Communion	SF/SU

### 30<sup>th</sup> March 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday

Wardington	10.00 am	UBC All Age Communion	SF
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**Benefice All-Age Mothering Sunday Service**, all-age short communion with posies, and refreshments for Mothering Sunday.

## Dates for your Diary

### Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March – Claydon Church Room

Breakfast bap, pastries and drinks with refills - £7 pp

### Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March – Women’s World Day of Prayer – Cropredy Methodist Chapel 4pm.

### Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March – Mollington Coffee Morning 10-12 noon Village Hall

### Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March – Claydon Coffee Morning Church Room Coffee, Cake and Company 10-12 noon

### Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March - Gt-Bourton

Coffee morning – Village Hall – 10.30 am -12 noon.

### Lent 2025

Begins on Ash Wednesday: Do join the Benefice Holy Communion 7pm at All Saints, **Mollington** as we begin this journey together.

We will be studying the **Gospel of Luke** and I hope to have slim copies of the gospel for everyone who would like to make the most of the opportunity to read the Gospel across Lent this year. We shall be reading and studying the gospel at Morning Prayer and at our midday Eucharist, and everyone is welcome to come and join in with these times of prayer and worship, as we journey towards Easter.

### Our Benefice Mission Statement

After consultation and discussion we are pleased to unveil our Benefice Mission Statement and logo, to guide our mission, and working together. With my thanks to Madeleine Alcock for the original design, Kerry Denton for working with it, and everyone who contributed thoughts, words, thinking in its creation. I hope we will use this in all our communications as we move forward as a Benefice