

Saint Michael and All Angels Parish Church, Bramcote



Mothering Sunday, March 22nd, 2020

Since there are no church services today, I thought that I would write a very brief 'Thought for the Day' for anyone who would appreciate it. In weeks to come, we will have more worship and prayer material available for Sundays, but this week we have been focused on getting a leaflet out to the whole of the parish, so haven't yet set things up for that.

Looking out of the window at the glorious sunshine this morning, it's very hard to realise that our lives have changed so much in such a short time - and that there may well be more difficult changes to come. At times like this we may feel our faith in God wavering or we may cling to our faith in him more than ever, as a constant presence in a world we no longer understand. In the book of Genesis it says, "The Lord God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms".

On a day when we traditionally give thanks to God for those who have cared for us and nurtured us through our lives, let's remember that God is the ultimate carer. His everlasting arms are there to hold us and support us, whatever the future brings. Together with him and with each other we will get through this. We see God all around us, even in our current situation - in the sunshine and signs of spring, in those who are putting their own lives at risk to care for the sick, in the many, many acts of kindness people are doing for others. Let's put our trust in him to see us through.

A Prayer for Mothering Sunday

Loving God,
we give you thanks for all who care for us,
who have encouraged us and helped us grow,
who have forgiven us,
and cared for us when we are unwell,
who have supported us when times were hard,
who have challenged us,
who have told us about you.
Thank you, Lord.
Amen

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"Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you." *1 Peter 5.7*