



THE ANGLICAN CHURCH IN FINLAND

St Nicholas Chaplaincy, Helsinki Weekly Newsletter



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Dear friends,

This coming Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Lent, is better known to many as Mothering Sunday. It has become a day to celebrate mothers in many countries. Interestingly, originally Mothering Sunday was not so much to do with mothers – a piece of information I found when trying to put together two traditions: the English Mothering Sunday during Lent and Finnish Mothers' Day in May. Mothering Sunday was originally a Sunday when those working away from home - for example in house service - were given a Sunday off to visit their childhood home and their mothering church. On the way back many picked spring flowers from the roadside and took them to their home and church. The strict requirement of observing Lenten fast was also eased during this time. Thus in some churches rose coloured vestments were used instead of Lenten array or purple.



As we prepare to celebrate Mothering Sunday, let us pray that we will be able to worship together again soon. Let us also, in our prayers, remember those church communities which have nurtured us and those who cared for us while we were children.

Blessings,

Tuomas Mäkipää, Anglican Chaplain

(Please remember that if you would like to speak to a priest, or have any questions, then you can contact me at tuomas.makipaa@anglican.fi or on 050-3099132)

SERVICES & EVENTS THIS WEEKEND

SUNDAY 14th MARCH – Mothering Sunday

10.00am Eucharist live on facebook and on our website at <https://www.anglican.fi/worship-with-us/>
The Preacher this week is Revd Tuomas Mäkipää

11.00 – 11.30am **Zoom Coffee Morning**
Please join us for a chat after the service, it would be good to see you! Click on the link here:
[Zoom Coffee Morning](#) (Meeting ID: 898 9163 8405 / Passcode: 281581).



THURSDAY 18th MARCH – Evening Prayer on Zoom

6.00-6.30pm Click here to join us: [Zoom Evening Prayer](#)

[Order of Service Link](#)



NEWS

COVID Update: We are still unable to meet physically at Mikael Agricola, so services continue online for the time being. We will update you as and when we are able to start welcoming you back into Church again.

Choir: Our wonderful choir will be recording Evensong on 28th March at Töölön kirkko. The recording will be uploaded to YouTube during Holy Week and we will send you a link for it nearer the time. We hope to make this a monthly event, subject to changing restrictions!

Sunday School & Youth Group:

We continue to meet online each week at 10am. There's still time this weekend for children/young people to take part in our 'Build a Cross' challenge for Easter. Entries need to be posted by Monday 15th March!

If your child/children would like to send in a picture we will gladly include it in our next newsletter! The theme this month is Spring and waiting for Easter.



If you have some news to share with the congregation then please email office@anglican.fi

PRAYERS

Please join us in praying for all those who mother us, and those for whom Mothering Sunday is a day of mixed emotions – of joy, remembering, and loss.

A prayer for Mothering Sunday

Thank you God for the love of our mothers:
Thank you for their care and concern;
Thank you God for the joys they have shared with us;
Thank you God for the pains they have borne for us,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Porvoo Prayer Calendar

This coming Sunday we pray for...

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia: Archbishop Jānis Vanags, Bishop Einārs Alpe,
Bishop Hanss Martins Jenson

The Church of England: Diocese of Lichfield, Bishop Michael Ipgrave, Bishop Sarah Bullock,
Bishop designate Matthew Parker, Bishop Clive Gregory

The Church in Wales: Diocese of St David's, Bishop Joanna Penberthy

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