



Thank God for Mums!

**Putnoe Heights and
St Marks' Church**

**Mothering Sunday
Family Service**

We welcome you all to our special service today

Verse from Scripture

Isaiah 66.13

As a mother comforts a child
so will I comfort you, says the Lord.

Call to Worship

**God our Father, your Son, Jesus Christ,
lived in a family at Nazareth.**

**As we meet together, help us to learn more about
what it is to love our families and friends as you love us.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen**



MOTHERING SUNDAY

Hymn
O Jesus King most wonderful

Thanksgiving

We thank God for giving us other people to be part of our lives:
For parents, and the love which brought us to birth:
we praise you, O Lord,
and bring you thanks today.

For mothers who have cherished and nurtured us:
we praise you, O Lord,
and bring you thanks today.

For fathers who have loved and supported us:
we praise you, O Lord,
and bring you thanks today.

For brothers and sisters with whom we have shared our home:
we praise you, O Lord,
and bring you thanks today.

For children, entrusted to our care as parents:
we praise you, O Lord,
and bring you thanks today.

For all relatives and friends who have been with us in our hopes
and joys, we praise you, O Lord,
and bring you thanks today. Amen

Confession

Heavenly Father, parent of us all,
we know we don't always treat each other as you want us to.

Lord God, forgive us; and help us to be more loving

There are times when we insist on getting our own way
despite what others feel.

Lord God, forgive us; and help us to be more loving

Sometimes we increase tension when we ought to seek peace,
or say things which hurt one another.

Lord God, forgive us; and help us to be more loving

God has loved us, sending his Son Jesus to show us the true
meaning of forgiveness

Lord God, forgive us; and help us to be more loving. Amen

Words of Forgiveness

The Offering

Gracious God, accept these gifts, and with them our lives to be used in your service through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Hymn

How great the debt we owe

Collect

God of love, passionate and strong,
tender and careful; watch over us
and hold us all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Bible Readings

(You may follow these in Partnership News)

Hymn

Our Father God in heaven

Address

The Reverend Canon Charles Royden

Declaration of Faith

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.
We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high.
We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen**

Hymn

Christ whose glory fills the skies

Prayers of Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Blessing of Flowers

Heavenly Father, you have given us signs of your love; homes where we belong; parents and friends to whom we are precious; and Baptism to make us children in the family of your church. By your blessing, let these flowers be symbols of love and thanks to those whom we give them, so that through this simple act, we may proclaim your glory.

Amen

The Distribution of the Flowers

Hymn

Now thank we all our God

Blessing

Thank you to all those who have helped prepare our churches or helped in our worship this morning.

'As truly as God is Father, so just as truly is he our mother.' *Julian of Norwich.*

