

SUNDAY 27TH MARCH 2022

ST COLUMBA'S FAMILIES NEWSLETTER

HI FAMILIES OF ST COLUMBA'S,

This Sunday is traditionally known as Mothering Sunday – originally a time when people returned to the church, in which they were baptised or where they worshipped in their youth – encouraging families to reunite for this special day.

This week I discovered one custom, associated with Mothering Sunday that I had never heard of before. It is called *clypping*. The word means embracing. Where the custom is still practised, it means everyone is encouraged to form a circle around the church by holding hands. It used to be a Mothering Sunday tradition in medieval times but is now only practised in a few churches around the UK. What do you think of introducing it at St Columba's – surrounding your "mother" church and giving it a big hug?

Of course, most people think of this Sunday as Mother's Day, more than Mothering Sunday. I'm sure there will be hugs for, and from, mothers where possible. Whether you are planning a treat or a celebration for a mother or not, you might take time to make this prayer:



*Dear Jesus,
we thank you for all mothers and carers around the world,
and for all they do for their children.
We thank you for their patience
when we don't get things right.
We thank you for their encouragement
when we find life hard.*

*We pray that mums would feel really special today
and that you would remind us every day
to show them as much love and help
as they give to us. Amen*



Carnival of the Animals

Meanwhile, this week's Carnival of the Animals has much to say about mother hens... David's picture and story, filmed on hen coop location, can be found on the website at <https://www.stcolumbas.org.uk/lent/meditations-for-young-people/> Enjoy.

Sunday 3rd April – The Easter Experience & Recordings for Holy Week 2022

The Easter Experience is organised for our families on Sunday 3rd April, during the morning service. We will walk through the Easter story together using activities, short stories, and conversation. Roughly based on the 'Easter Experience' run in years' past, we'll do a little foot washing, break some bread and drink some 'wine' and share in the joyful news of Jesus' resurrection. Parents are very welcome to join in.

After morning service we hope to record prayers and readings for Holy Week between 12.30 – 1.30pm. We know some of the families invited to participate are away that weekend. If you would like to be involved, adult or young person, please let Angus know.



Finally, mother knows best....

A mother is trying to get her son to eat carrots.

"Carrots are good for your eyes," she says.

"How do you know?" the son asks.

The mother replies, "Have you ever seen a rabbit wearing glasses?"

Definiton: Jumper – something you wear when your mother is feeling chilly.

Mother: Why is there a strange baby in the crib?

Daughter: You told me to change the baby.

A mother said to her son, "Look at that kid over there; he's not misbehaving."

The son replied, "Maybe he has good parents then!"

Have a sunny weekend and see you soon

Angus & the Sunday School Team