

A song of St Anselm

*Gather your little ones to you O God,
as a hen gathers her brood to protect them.
Jesus, like a mother, you gather your people to
you
You are gentle with us as a mother is with her
children;
Often you weep over our sins and our pride;
tenderly you draw us from hatred and judgement
You comfort us in sorrow and bind up our wounds
In sickness you nurse us and with your milk you
feed us
Jesus, by your dying we are born to new life;
by your anguish and labour we come forth in joy
Despair turns to hope through your sweat
goodness,
through your gentleness we find comfort in fear
Your warmth gives life to the dead
and your touch makes sinners righteous
Lord Jesus, in your mercy heal us;
in your love and tenderness remake us
In your compassion bring grace and forgiveness;
for the beauty of heaven, may your love prepare
us. **Amen***



Family prayers

God of all, we bring to you our concerns,
concerns for ourselves and those we love,
and concerns for the world, and our sisters and brothers
In the world wide family to which we all belong

We pray for all families:
for mothers or fathers struggling
to bring up children alone
For families under strain –
poor, homeless or unable to cope
and for parents whose children have died,
or who are separated from them.
Lord, in your mercy: Hear our prayer
We say the prayer our Lord taught us:
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

A prayer in the Time of the Coronavirus

Almighty and All-loving God,
We pray to you through Christ the Healer
for those who suffer from the Coronavirus Covid-19
in this country and across the world,
We pray too for all who reach out to those who
mourn the loss of each and every person who has
died as a result of contracting this disease.
Give wisdom to policy makers,
skill to health care professionals and researchers,
comfort to everyone in distress
and a sense of calm to us all in these days of
uncertainty and distress.
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord
who showed compassion to the outcast,
acceptance to the rejected and love to those to whom
no love has been shown. **Amen**

Mothering

Sunday

22nd March 2020

St Andrew's Church Stokeinteignhead

Today we thank God for the gift of mothers and the mother-like nature that many people show us and to others.

We are unable to come together in church physically on this special day, so we hope that people will join us and come together in spirit and prayer on Sunday morning, giving thanks for the gift of mothers

We are giving thanks for all mothers, including those no longer with us, but are held in our hearts.



Praise God who loves us; praise God who cares.
The love of God is like a light in the darkness
Blessed be God for ever.
Nurturing God, we pray in recognition of the great care and love you have for each of us.
Nurturing God, we praise and thank you.
Nurturing God, we give thanks for all mothers, for all they do or once did; for all they give or once gave; for all they mean to us and always will.
Nurturing God, we praise and thank you.
Nurturing God, we pray for all families throughout the world.
Nurturing God, we praise and thank you
Nurturing God, we pray for the family of the church, here and everywhere.
Nurturing God, we praise and thank you.
Nurturing God, we pray for all who nurture and encourage others.
Nurturing God, we praise and thank you.

Prayer of Thanksgiving
God of grace, listening, loving God,
where there is any peace on earth –
peace among the nations,
peace within communities,
peace in our families,
peace in our own hearts –
we know that you are its source,
that you are its wellspring:
unfailing, steadfast.
God of peace, for the peace we hope for,
the peace we yearn for,
reach for, work for,
fragile, and flimsy,
and unfinished, as it often is,
we give you thanks and praise.

