

Mothering Sunday 2019: A day for special people: The Revd. Michael Burns

1. **What is today? Mothering Sunday. What did you do that was special?**
The children said *they had given cards and presents and made breakfast.*
2. Of course we realized that some children may not have a mother at home but someone else does the things that we're thinking about today – it could be your dad, his partner, a granny or granddad, or someone else . . . but we each have someone who cares for us.
3. **Ask the children for all the qualities that make a perfect mum or carer.**
They said: *Caring, Responsible, Loving, Helps tidy up, Looks after us, Bakes cakes.*
4. Ask the children if it is possible to find all the qualities listed in one person. Discuss how amazing mothers and carers and those who look after us are.
5. **Ask the adults for all the qualities that make a perfect child.** They said: *Always there, Kindness, Fun, Loving, Thoughtfulness, Respect, Resilience.*
6. We noted the following passage from the Bible: 'As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with **compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience**' (Colossians 3.12–17).
7. No mother, no adult is perfect, just as you can never be perfect children all the time.
8. Mother's Day, or Mothering Sunday as it is traditionally called, gives us a chance to thank our mothers or carers for being just the person they are, and for loving and caring for us.
9. Some Christians describe God as 'Mother' because God really does love us and do all the things we expect a perfect mum or carer to do.
10. Here at Christ Church we have a Mother Church – St Mary's in Wimbledon Village because the congregation there caused this church to be built 160 years ago. So we thank God for St Mary's.
11. So we gave thanks for whoever takes this caring role and looks out for us, whether we are an adult or a child.