



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

MOTHERING SUNDAY

15 March 2015

We wish you a warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30am Mothering Sunday Sung Eucharist, Fr Geoff celebrates and preaches. Kristine Jenkins leads the intercessions.

There is a special service booklet and there will be a distribution of posies.

Hymns: "God of Eve", "Fathers and Mothers", "Our Father God in Heaven" and 530.

Setting: Missa Seraphica

Coffee, tea and simnel cake will be served in church after the service – please stay on.

Evening Prayer at 6.00 pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The work of the Children's Society and Mothers' Union.
The Diocese of Missouri in the USA, Wayne Smith its Bishop and all its people.

The work of Us with the Church in Zambia.

The World: The fostering of marriage and family life in our society.
All organisations giving help in parenting.
All children living in foster care and children's homes.

The Community and Parish: The Littlebury Children's Centre.

Our Brownies and their leaders.

Our Mothers Union members.

The Ill and the Housebound: Especially Bruce Alexander, Sonia Anderson, Tina Bennett, Janet Bridge, Jean and Robert Caton, Peter Coley, Marion Craddock-Jones, Pamela Cutler, Audrey Dixon, Claire Dunning, Sandra Fullerton, Jenny Houghton, Audrey Jaquest, Mary Kearns, Lesley Kinch, Loretta Lynch, Audrey Morgan, Dorcas Ochola, Brian O'Riordan, John Paisley, Helen Perry, Mark Pritchard, Christina Simon, Mark Simon, Karen Stride, and Anne Wightman.

The Departed:

Collect

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself:
strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Exodus 2.1–10

A reading from the book of Exodus.

A man from the family of Levi married a woman from the family of Levi. The woman had a son. She saw there was something special about him and hid him. She hid him for three months. When she couldn't hide him any longer she got a little basket-boat made of reeds, waterproofed it with tar and pitch, and placed the child in it. Then she set it afloat in the reeds at the edge of the Nile. The baby's older sister found herself a hiding place a little way off and watched to see what would happen to him. Pharaoh's daughter came down to the Nile to bathe; her maidens strolled on the bank. She saw the basket-boat floating in the reeds and sent her maid to get it. She opened it and saw the child—a baby crying! Her heart went out to him. She said, "This must be one of the Hebrew babies." Then his sister was before her: "Do you want me to go and get a nursing mother from the Hebrews so she can nurse the baby for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said, "Yes. Go." The girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter told her, "Take this baby and nurse him for me. I'll pay you." The woman took the child and nursed him. After the child was weaned, she presented him to Pharaoh's daughter who adopted him as her son. She named him Moses.

This is the word of the Lord.

GOSPEL John 19.25b–27

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

- ²⁵ Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.
- ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.'
- ²⁷ Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.



THIS WEEK

Mon	16	Mar	Toddlers' Group	10.00 – 11.30am
			Lent Group (Choir Vestry)	2.30pm
Tue	17	Mar	Lent Group (Choir Vestry)	7.30pm
Wed	18	Mar	Coffee in Church and Food Bank	10.30am-12 noon
			Guild of Servers of the Sanctuary – Stations of the Cross	8.00pm
Thu	19	Mar	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			attended by Mothers' Union	
			followed by coffee for all in Choir Vestry	
			Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
Sun	22	Mar	<u>FIFTH SUNDAY in LENT – PASSION SUNDAY</u>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST:	9.30am
			Pres and Preacher: Fr Geoff; Sunday School	
			(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church	1.00-5.00pm)
			Evening Prayer	6.00pm

NOTICES

ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION: This year's revision commences today, Sunday 15th March, and finishes on Sunday 5th April. A copy of the current Roll is on the notice board at the back of the Church for you to check. If anyone would like their name added to the Roll, please get a form from Fr Geoff, a Churchwarden or Henry or Sylvia Moring. If you have changed your email address or telephone number could you also inform us please.

MOTHERING SUNDAY: 15 March 2015. Please leave your Children's Society collecting box on the alms dish near the back of the church..

LENT LUNCH: We raised £262 last Saturday which will be given to the Mission Committee for allocation. Thank you to everyone who came and a special 'thank-you' to the Brownies and their Guiders for their help.

LENT COLLECTING BOXES for the Church Army are available at the back of church. Please take one. These will be collected on Easter Day.

MAUNDY WATCH If you are able to take part for an hour or more at the Maundy Watch please sign the list on the desk by the Mildred Avenue door.

FINAL COPY DATE for April Sword is next Sunday 22 March. Hard copy or floppy disc to Rob White or email to robwhite.watford@tiscali.co.uk

SUMMER OUTINGS: The Social Committee wonder if St Michael's people would be interested in going on a coach outing. It goes without saying that friends and family would be welcome to join in. Please add your name(s) to the list at the back of the church. The list has now got to page two.