



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

MOTHERING SUNDAY

6 March 2016

We wish you a warm welcome to our services today on Mothering Sunday. At the 9.30 am Service Fr Geoff celebrates and preaches. There is a special service booklet and there will be a distribution of posies.

Hymns: “God of Eve”, Psalm 34, “Fathers and Mothers”, “Our Father God in Heaven” and “In This Place”
Setting: Oldroyd

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

United Evening Service at St Michael’s at 6.00 pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: For the Parish of Cardington in our Diocese.
In the worldwide Anglican Cycle of Prayer – the Church of England.
The Church Army's Thanet Centre of Mission.

The World: The work of Us fighting human trafficking in Bangladesh.
The work of Christian Aid helping women around the worldwide.
The fostering of motherhood and parenting skills..

The Community and Parish: That our Church may help people in their family life.
Residents and Staff at Homemanor and St Anthony's.
The work of the Children's Society and Mothers' Union.

The Ill and the Housebound: Especially Bruce Alexander, Sonia Anderson, Tina Bennett, Christopher Bilson, Janet Bridge, Robert Caton, Peter Coley, Marion Craddock-Jones, Audrey Dixon, Claire Dunning, Sandra Fullerton, Jenny Houghton, Kristine Jenkins, Mary Kearns, Lesley Kinch, Loretta Lynch, Dorcas Ochola, Brian O’Riordan, Helen Perry, Christina Simon, Mark Simon, Karen Stride and Nicholas Weeks.

The Departed:

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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.

- ¹ A man from the house of Levi went and married a woman from the tribe of Levi.
- ² The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months.
- ³ When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with tar; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river.
- ⁴ His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.
- ⁵ The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it.
- ⁶ When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said.
- ⁷ Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?'

- ⁸ Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother.
- ⁹ Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it.
- ¹⁰ When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because,' she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'
- 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	7	Mar	Toddlers' Group	10.00am – 11.30am
			Lent Study Group	2.30pm
Tue	8	Mar	Intercessory Prayer Group (Choir Vestry)	2.30pm
			Lent Study Group	7.30pm
			River Court Service	2.30pm
Wed	9	Mar	Food Bank	10.00am – 12 noon
			Coffee in Church	10.30am – 12 noon
			Service at Home Manor	2.30pm
			PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL	7.55pm
Thu	10	Mar	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			St Anthony's	morning
			NO Choir Practice	
Sat	12	Mar	Retreat for Syro-Malabar Church	10am - 7.00pm
Sun	13	Mar	<u>FIFTH SUNDAY in LENT – PASSION SUNDAY</u>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST (Pres and Preacher: Fr Geoff)	9.30am
			Messy Church	11.15am – 12.45pm
			Evening Prayer	6.00pm

NOTICES

ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION: This year's revision commences on Sunday 13th March and finishes on Sunday 3rd 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.

EASTER FLOWERS: If you would like to make a donation towards the Easter flowers, please give this to Jean Alexander or Fay Storey. If you would like the name of someone to be associated with your gift, please put the name on paper and give it to them.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES: We would like to collect these today, Mothering Sunday, at the 9.30 Service. Thank you.

WATCH IN THE LADY CHAPEL 24-25 March - please sign list by the Mildred Ave door if you wish to take part.

VOLUNTEERS for Readings and Foot Washing in Holy Week are also required please.

AGAPE PASSOVER MEAL - on Monday 21st March (Monday in Holy Week), at 7.00pm, we will be sharing an agape (Christian Love-Feast) in the form of a Passover Meal. This was the meal Jesus shared with his disciples, and the early Christians shared together in Christ. A meal with meaning! Tickets £5.00 are available from members of the Social Committee.