



# THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

*St Michael and All Angels*

Watford

**MOTHERING SUNDAY**

**Sunday 26 March 2017**

We wish you a warm welcome to our services today on Mothering Sunday.

At the 9.30 am Service Fr Geoff celebrates and there will be a Presentation by the children and a distribution of posies. Intercessions will be by the Children's Church.

We are using the "First Sunday" service booklet.

**Hymns: 253 (i), 535 (t. 413), A&M 138 and 497**

**Setting: Thorne**

Coffee, tea and simnel cake will be served in church after the service and there will be a Bring-&-Buy Sale – please stay on.

(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church

1.00pm – 5.00pm)

Evening Prayer at 6.00 pm.

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## **For your prayers this week:**

**The Church:** The Parish of St Michael and All Angels Sunnyside in our Diocese. The Diocese of Mexico, Carlos Touche-Porter its bishop, and all its people.

The work of the Mothers' Union and the Children's Society.

**The World:** All those bereaved, injured or traumatised in Wednesday's attack.

Our police and anti-terrorism forces.

Our parliamentary democracy.

**The Community and Parish:** Harmony between people of all faiths, cultures and nationalities.

Our young people and their families.

Our police and police community support officers.

**The Ill and the Housebound:** Especially Bruce Alexander, Gavin Ashenden, Christopher Bilson, Janet Bridge, Robert Caton, Peter Coley, Marion Craddock-Jones, Judith Degen, Audrey Dixon, Claire Dunning, Peter Hinchey, Kristine Jenkins, Mary Kearns, Lesley Kinch, Loretta Lynch, Dorcas Ochola, Brian O'Riordan, Helen Perry, John Ramsey, Pat Ricketts, Michele Rodford, Christina Simon, Mark Simon, and all who care for them.

**The Departed:** Edward Hollman;

all those who died in Wednesday's terrorist attack in London.

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# MOTHERING SUNDAY

## 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.

- <sup>1</sup> A man from the house of Levi went and married a woman from the tribe of Levi.
- <sup>2</sup> The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months.
- <sup>3</sup> 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.
- <sup>4</sup> His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.
- <sup>5</sup> 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.
- <sup>6</sup> 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.
- <sup>7</sup> 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?'

- <sup>8</sup> Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother.
- <sup>9</sup> 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.
- <sup>10</sup> 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

- <sup>25</sup> Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.
- <sup>26</sup> When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.'
- <sup>27</sup> Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.'

Mon	27	Mar	Toddlers' Group	10 – 11.30am
			Lent Group at 72 Harwoods Road	2.30pm
			Lent Group at the Vicarage	7.30pm
Tue	28	Mar	Social Committee (Choir Vestry)	10.30am
Wed	29	Mar	Food Bank	10.00am – 12 noon
			Coffee in Church	10.30am – 12 noon
			Concert Rehearsal	7.30pm – 10.00pm
Thur	30	Mar	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			Watford Youth Sinfonia Concert in Church	7.30pm
Sun	2	Apr	<b><u>FIFTH SUNDAY in LENT – PASSION SUNDAY</u></b>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George)	8.00am
			<b>SUNG EUCHARIST:</b> President and Preacher: Fr George	9.30am
			including a Holy Baptism	
			Evening Prayer	6.00pm

## **NOTICES**

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

**MAUNDY THURSDAY WATCH** If you are able to take part for an hour or more at the Maundy Watch on 13/14<sup>th</sup> April please sign the list on the desk by the Mildred Avenue door.

**ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION:** This year's revision commenced on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March and finishes on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 or Henry or Sylvia Moring. Please inform us if you have changed your email address or telephone number.

**PASSOVER MEAL** - on Monday 10 April (Monday in Holy Week), at 7.00 pm. 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.

**CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES:** We would like to collect these today, Mothering Sunday, at the 9.30 Service. If you have forgotten yours please bring it next week. Thank you. All the proceeds from the boxes go to The Children's Society.

**EASTER PLANTS** If you would like to bring a plant to decorate the Church at Easter Tide please bring it to Church and give it to Fay during Holy Week.

**FINAL COPY DATE FOR THE APRIL SWORD** is MIDDAY today Sunday, 26 March. Hard copy to Rob White or email to [robwhite.watford@googlemail.com](mailto:robwhite.watford@googlemail.com).