

THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

MOTHERING SUNDAY
Sunday 18 March 2007

A warm welcome to everyone to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist, Fr John preaches and celebrates and Sylvia Moring leads the intercessions. There will be a presentation of posies. A crèche is available.

There is a special service book for Mothering Sunday including the hymns.

Coffee, tea and simnel cake will be served in church after the 9.30 service – please stay on.

Lent Meditation led by the Pause group at 6.30 pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Church in Tanzania.

Church schools in the Deanery of Rickmansworth.

All parents and children on this Mothering Sunday.

The World: Peace in Iraq, Afghanistan, Somalia and Sudan.

The people of Zimbabwe, and all who try to uphold human rights there.

For single mothers and their children in Britain.

The Community and Parish: Our Mothers' Union here at St Michaels'.

Our mothers, whether still with us, or departed – for their love and concern for us.

The Ill and the Housebound: Especially Ray Angles, Alec Bennett, Ellen Benoy, Mel Browne, John Burn, Jennifer Coley, Bill Craddock-Jones, Jean Crouch, June Dickinson, Kate Dickinson, Maureen Elvery, Jocelyn Harewood, Jenny Houghton, Mary Kearns, Loretta Lynch, Maggie Maguire, Stella Meager, Morfa Pope, Myrtle Powell, Mary Pringle, Maureen Swann, June Tatnall, Bill Thorne, Marion Vidal, Bill Widdowson and Anne Wightman.

The Departed: Mavis Lewis (aged 77) Euston Ave.

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

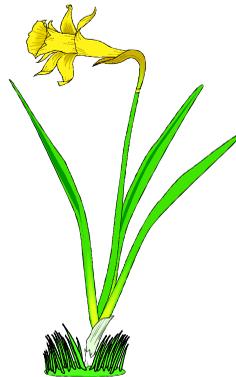
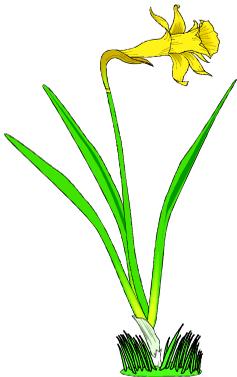
A reading from the book of Exodus.

- 1 A man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman.
- 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 bitumen and pitch; 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.'

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.



IMPORTANT NOTICE

ELECTORAL ROLL: The date for the preparation of a **NEW roll** has been brought forward a year to 2007. **This starts today, Sunday 18 March and the last date for receipt of forms and for inclusion before the AGM will be 1 April.** Church members on the current roll will be given new forms to complete. If somehow you are not given a form or wish to be added to the roll as a new member, please ask Fr John or Henry or Sylvia Moring for one and ensure it is returned by 1 April please. Only persons on the electoral roll may vote at the AGM.

THIS WEEK

Mon	19	Mar	Toddlers' Group	10 – 11.30am
			Radlett Choral Society rehearsal	evening
Wed	21	Mar	Coffee in Church	10.30-12 noon
			Worship Committee (Choir Vestry)	8.00pm
Thur	22	Mar	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			followed by Mothers' Union AGM	
			Kids' Club	3.30 – 5.00pm
			Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
Sat	24	Mar	RADLETT CHORAL SOCIETY CONCERT	7.30pm
			(Rehearsal during afternoon)	
			Bridge of Peace (Multi Cultural Community Centre)	2.00 – 4.30pm
			<i>British Summer Time begins, put clocks forward one hour tonight</i>	
Sun	25	Mar	<u>PASSION SUNDAY</u>	
			Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST	9.30am
			followed by Bring-&-Buy Sale	
			Lent Meditation led Andy Benoy and Kristine Jenkins	6.30pm

NOTICES

VIGIL - MAUNDY THURSDAY/GOOD FRIDAY: Please sign up if you can keep watch one hour through the night. List by Mildred Ave door.

EASTER LEAFLETS: Please volunteer to deliver these as usual to local roads. List on table.

BRIDGE OF PEACE: An invitation to the women of Watford to take part in a ceremony on the occasion of the fourth anniversary of the Women's Federation for World Peace and the commemoration of the abolition of the slave trade 200 years ago. This will take place at the Multi Cultural Community Centre on Saturday, 24 March 2007, from 2 pm – 4.30 pm.

LENT GROUPS: This year's theme is on relationships, called 'Better Together?'. A list giving details of the venues and days of the groups meeting is available. Please see Martin Heath if you need further information.

VISIT of YOUTH CHOIR from COPENHAGEN 27-30 April. Can you kindly offer accommodation? Please sign list at west end if you can.

ARE YOU 15 -18? Do you want to meet the Archbishop of Canterbury in a small group from the Diocese? See page 18 of Sword or ask Fr John.

LENT MEDITATIONS will be held at 6.30 pm on Sundays, 18 and 25 March. Please make every effort to attend.