

# THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

*St Michael and All Angels*

Watford

MOTHERING SUNDAY

14 March 2010

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist, Fr Geoff celebrates, Violet Allen-Smith preaches and Paul Chandler leads the intercessions. There will be a presentation of posies. A crèche is available. The baptism of James William Mephram will take place during the service.

**There is a special service book for Mothering Sunday but the first two hymns are Common Praise 435 and 487.**

**Setting: Oldroyd**

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

There is no 11.15 service this morning; Youth Group Lunch is at 12.30 pm.

The monthly service at River Court is at 3.00 pm.

There is Evening Prayer in the Lady Chapel at 6.30 pm

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

**The Church:** The Mothers' Union

The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

The work of USPG in the Anglican Church in Mozambique

**The World:** Charities supporting parents and children

Support for family life in the coming election

Those suffering through broken marriages or relationships

**The Community and Parish:** Our Mothers' Union branch

Our Mums and Tots

Strengthening of family life in our Community

**The Ill and the Housebound:** Especially Ray Angles, Gunter Bouché, Christopher Browne, Mel Browne, Peter Coley, Bill Craddock-Jones, Marion Craddock-Jones, Jean Crouch, June Dickinson, Kate Dickinson, Jocelyn Harewood, Neil Hart, Gladys Holloway, Jenny Houghton, Lionel Jones, Mary Kearns, Kate Kirwan, Vera Levinson, Jacqui Lyons, Loretta Lynch, Maggie Maguire, Stella Nicholas, Dorcas Ochola, Gaynor Osbourne, Myrtle Powell, Bryony Purse, Ann Reed, Elaine Robinson, Maureen Swann, June Tatnall, Anne Wightman and Eric Wightman.

**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**

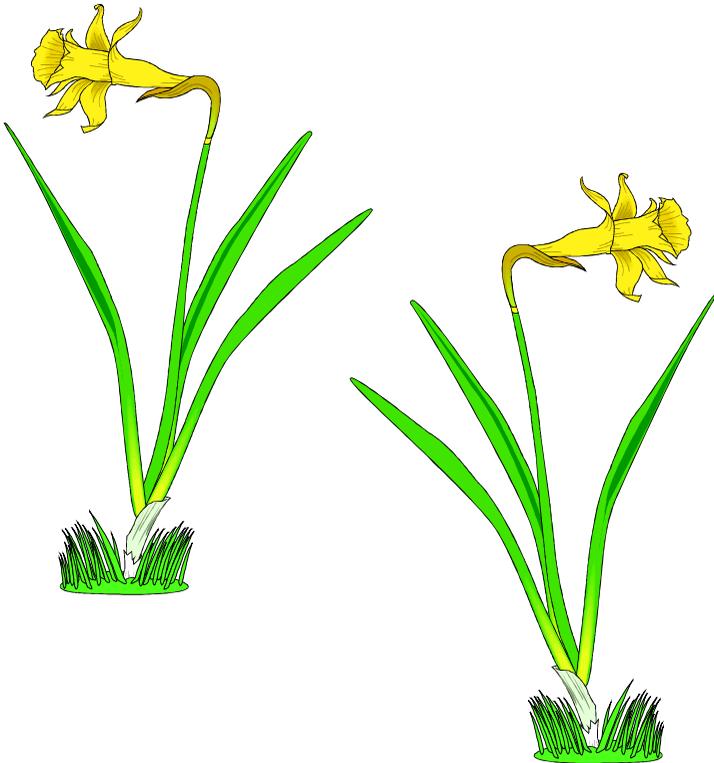
A reading from the book of Exodus.

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

## GOSPEL Luke 2.33–35

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

- <sup>33</sup> The child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about Jesus.
- <sup>34</sup> Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed
- <sup>35</sup> so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'



## THIS WEEK

Mon	15	Mar	Toddlers' Group	10.00 – 11.30am
Tue	16	Mar	St Michael's Lent Groups (see below) Service at The Chase Care Home	3.00 pm
Wed	17	Mar	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
Thur	18	Mar	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language) attended by Mothers' Union; followed by a meeting in Choir Vestry Choir Practice	10.00am 7.00 - 8.30pm
Sun	21	Mar	<b><u>PASSION SUNDAY</u></b> Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George) <b>SUNG EUCHARIST:</b> crèche available (President and Preacher: Fr George) THE SIX O'CLOCK SERIES: A CELTIC PASSIONTIDE SERVICE.	8.00am <b>9.30am</b> 6.00pm

## NOTICES

ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION: This year's revision commences today, 14<sup>th</sup> March and finishes on Sunday 4<sup>th</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. If you have changed your email address or telephone number could you also inform us please.

THE CHURCH EASTER CARDS are now on a table in the north aisle, bundled up, ready for delivery in the parish. A lot of time, money and effort has gone into getting them to this stage so please help to ensure that they are all delivered by Saturday 27 March. Thank you.

ADORAMUS CHOIR & ORCHESTRA will be performing an inspirational musical journey - 'The Glory of Easter' - at Watford Colosseum on Saturday, 27th March, at 7.30 pm. Dennis Beach has tickets to sell – get yours today.

THE MAUNDY VIGIL is from the evening of Maundy Thursday to the morning of Good Friday. Please sign the list by the Mildred Avenue door if you are able to keep watch for an hour or more.

Fr JOHN would like to thank all St Michael's people for their prayers during recent months. He is now making a good recovery.

ST MICHAEL'S LENT GROUPS: There are two Lent Groups, following the Lent Course written by the Bishops of St Albans, Hertford and Bedford, "Words of Challenge, Words of Life". An introduction to the course is available at the back of Church. They will be on Tuesday Evenings, 8.00pm at 134 Mildred Avenue, and Tuesday Afternoons, 3.00pm, at the Vicarage. It is not too late to start

CHALLENGE: The sheets for the Bishop's Challenge for Lent are available at the back of Church

PUBLICITY for many different services and activities is available by the west door. Please display where you can.