



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

MOTHERING SUNDAY

3 April 2011

A warm welcome to our services today.

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

There is a special service book for Mothering Sunday which contains the hymns except that the final hymn will be Common Praise 513 (Shine, Jesus, Shine).

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

There is Evening Prayer in the Lady Chapel at 6.00 pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: Parenting and Marriage Enrichment course run by Churches
The Selly Oak Centre for Mission Studies
Bishop of Multan, Pakistan, to be appointed.

The World: Parents and children across the world
The people of Libya
Those working to contain radiation leakage in Japan.

The Community and Parish: The parents and children connected with our
Church
Residents and staff at River Court and Fairhaven Homes
The Churches and people of Watford Deanery.

The Ill and the Housebound: Especially Christopher Bilson, Mary Calvert,
Peter Coley, Bill and Marion Craddock-Jones, Jean Crouch, Kate
Dickinson, Darrell Dunning, David and Janet Freeman, Jocelyn
Harewood, Susetta Hartropp, Ben Heath, Gladys Holloway,
Leena Hosie, Jenny Houghton, Mary Kearns, Dorothy Kiddle,
Lesley Kinch, Vera Levinson, Loretta Lynch, Jacqui Lyons,
Maggie Maguire, Stella Nicholas, Dorcas Ochola, Gaynor
Osbourne, Helen Perry, Myrtle Powell, Bryony Purse, June
Tatnall, Eric 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

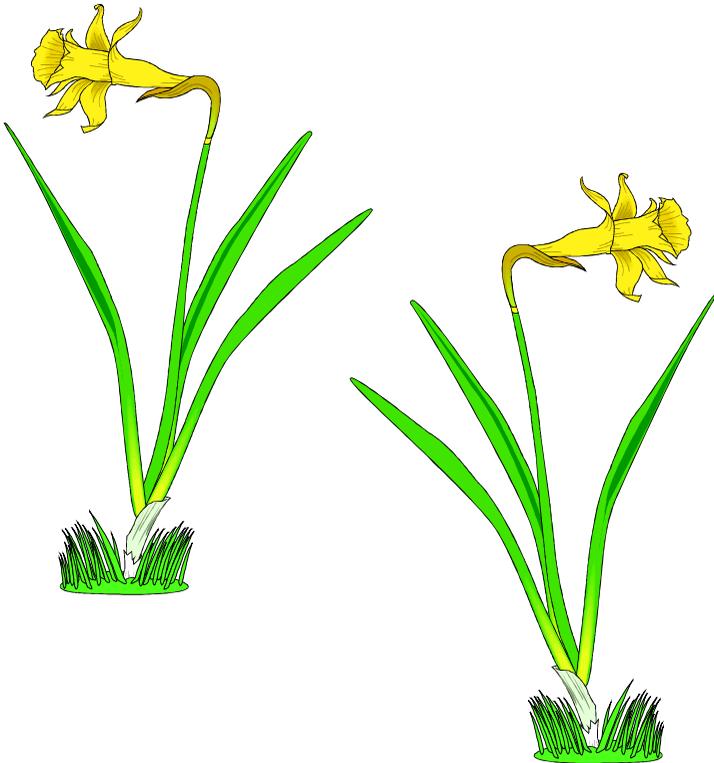
A reading from the book of Exodus.

- 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.



THIS WEEK

Mon	4	Apr	Toddlers' Group River Court Service	10.00 – 11.30am 3.00pm
Wed	6	Apr	Coffee in Church Bring-&-Share Lunch	10.30am-12 noon 12.30pm
Thur	7	Apr	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language) Fairhaven Choir Practice	10.00am morning 7.00 - 8.30pm
Sat	9	Apr	COFFEE MORNING WITH SALE in aid of the Masonry Fund	10.30am – 12 noon
Sun	10	Apr	<u>PASSION SUNDAY</u> Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George) SUNG EUCHARIST: with crèche and Sunday School (President and Preacher: Fr George) Simple Eucharist & Preparation for Holy Week Youth Group Lunch Evening Prayer	8.00am 9.30am 11.15am 12.30pm 6.00pm

NOTICES

ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION: This year's revision commenced on 13th March and **finishes TODAY** Sunday 3rd April. If anyone would like their name added to the Roll, please get a form from Fr Geoff or Henry or Sylvia Moring.

COFFEE MORNING AND SALE: This is on Saturday, 9 April, from 10.30 – 12 noon. Please use the posters and handbills to tell your friends and neighbours.

EASTER WORKSHOP: On Saturday, 23 April, there will be an Easter Workshop in Church from 10 am-12 noon. It will have craft activities, simple worship, and refreshments and is open to primary school children (or younger if accompanied by an adult). For more information please telephone 01923 232460.

AT THE BACK OF CHURCH ARE COLLECTING BOXES which you can take away and put your loose change in during Lent. Proceeds are to the Church Army, which we have traditionally supported during Lent.

EASTER CARDS: We have 5000 Easter Cards to distribute round the parish. There is a list of roads for people to sign and the cards are also available. They need to be delivered before 17 April. Please help with the distribution.

MAUNDY VIGIL: If you are able to keep watch in the Lady Chapel at some time between 9 pm to 8 am, please sign the list on the table by the Lady Chapel. We would like 2 people to keep watch for each hour.

BRING-&-SHARE LUNCH: Please sign list on the signings table if you wish to go.

EASTER FLOWERS: It is our custom to invite people to make a donation towards the Easter flowers, perhaps in memory of a loved one. If you would like to do this, please give your donation to Fay Storey or Jean Alexander. If you are able to gift aid your donation it should go in one of the white or brown gift aid envelopes.

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