



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

MOTHERING SUNDAY

18 March 2012

A warm welcome to everyone to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist, Fr Geoff celebrates and preaches and Vicki Matthews leads the intercessions. There will be a presentation of flowers.

There is a special service book for Mothering Sunday but the hymns are as below:

Hymns: 253 (i), 487, "Our Father God in Heaven" (in booklet; t. 538), and 443

Setting: Missa Seraphica

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

There is a Youth Group Lunch at 12.30pm.

The Baptism of Claudia Seabrook is at 2.00pm.

Evening Prayer is at 6 pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean The Most Revd Ian Gerald James Ernest, Archbishop Province of Indian Ocean & Bishop of Mauritius.

The Mothers' Union.

The work of USPG with the Church in Brazil.

The World: Fostering and supporting mothering in our society.

All those injured, traumatized and bereaved in the Swiss coach crash.

The people of Afghanistan.

The Community and Parish: Our PCC.

Residents and staff at the. Chase Care Centre.

All who have a mothering role in our church family.

The Ill and the Housebound: Especially Bruce Alexander, Billie Bainbridge (age 4), Christopher Bilson, Peter Coley, Bill and Marion Craddock-Jones, Jean Crouch, Darrell Dunning, David and Janet Freeman, Ben Heath, Jessie Hobby, Leena Hosie, Jenny Houghton, Harvey Jaquest, Mary Kearns, Lesley Kinch, Loretta Lynch, Jacqui Lyons, Maggie Maguire, Stella Nicholas, Faith Nkugwa, Dorcas Ochola, Helen Perry, Myrtle Powell, Christina and David Simon, Rosie Waite, Eric and Anne Wightman.

The Departed: Olive Roberts.

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

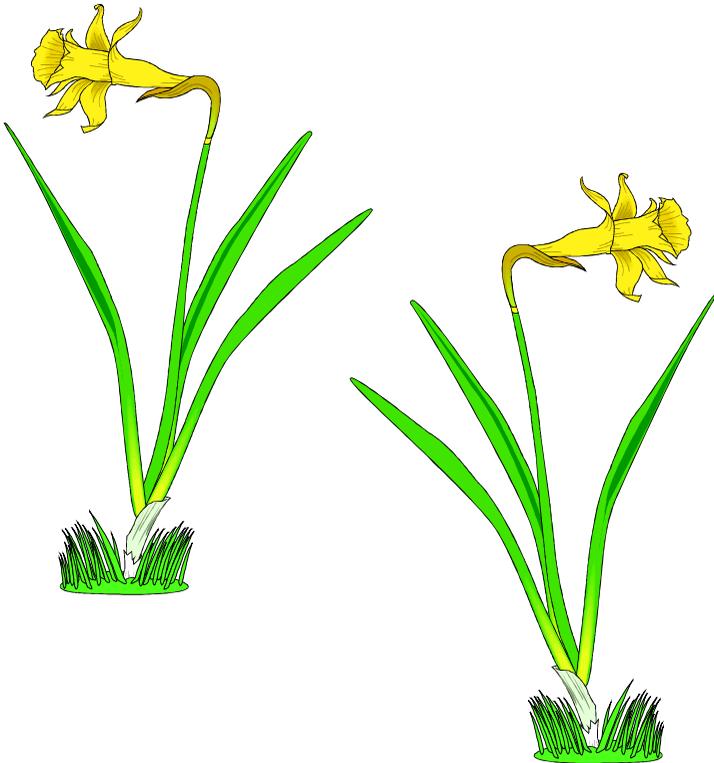
A reading from the book of Exodus.

- 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	19	Mar	Toddlers' Group	10.00 – 11.30am
			PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (Choir Vestry)	7.55pm
Tue	20	Mar	Service at The Chase Care Centre	3.00pm
			Bible Study (Choir Vestry)	8.00pm
Wed	21	Mar	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
			Service of Lenten Devotion	7.30pm
Thur	22	Mar	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			Choir Practice	7.00 - 8.30pm
Sun	25	Mar	<i>Put clocks forward one hour for British Summer Time</i>	
			PASSION SUNDAY	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST (President and Preacher: Fr Geoff)	9.30am
			followed by Bring-&-Buy-Sale	
			Six O'Clock Series – "The Cross of Christ"	6.00pm

NOTICES

LENTEN OBSERVANCE: During Lent Fr Geoff is leading a devotional service on Wednesday evenings which will start at 7.30 pm – please make a note in your diary. Please see Martin Heath or Violet Allen Smith if you want to know anything about the arrangements for this year's Lent Groups.

ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION: This year's revision commences on 28th March and finishes on Sunday 1st 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.

MAUNDY THURSDAY WATCH: As usual we hope to keep the watch in the Lady Chapel throughout the night on Maundy Thursday. Please sign the list on the table by the Mildred Avenue door if you are able to help with this.

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 gift aid envelopes.

FINAL COPY DATE FOR THE APRIL SWORD is MIDDAY next Sunday, 25 March. Hard copy or floppy disc to Dennis Beach or email to dhbeach@sky.com.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Haydn's Creation performed by Radlett Choral Society at St Michael's – 31 March 2012
 Plant Sale – 19 May 2012 – on the grass triangle outside the church
 Concert by Ullern Chamberchoir from Oslo at St Michael's – 26 May at 6 pm
 Barbecue 8 July 2012 – at 8 Cassiobury Park Avenue

DIAMOND JUBILEE LUNCH: If you are interested in joining in our Inside Street Party on Sunday, 3 June 2012, please fill in the green slip and put it in the box at the west end.