

THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

MOTHERING SUNDAY

30 March 2014

We wish you a warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30am Mothering Sunday Sung Eucharist, Fr Geoff celebrates.

There is a special service booklet and there will be a distribution of flowers.

Hymns: 253 (i), "God of Eve", "Our Father God in Heaven" and 497

Setting: Rawsthorne

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

(The Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church 1-5pm)

Evening Prayer at 6.00pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Parish of Blunham in our Diocese.
The Church of Ireland; Richard Clarke - Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland and Metropolitan.
The work of the Anglican Church in Swaziland.

The World: Sufferers from autism and their families
Victims of domestic abuse..
All who are suffering because of the mudslide in the USA.

The Community and Parish: Our PCC members.
Staff and Residents at River Court and Fairhaven care homes.
Chater Infants School.

The Ill and the Housebound: Especially Bruce Alexander, Janet Bridge, Jean and Robert Caton, Peter Coley, Bill and Marion Craddock-Jones, Jean Crouch, Pamela Cutler, Audrey Dixon, Sandra Fullerton, Jenny Houghton, Owen Hutchinson, Audrey Jaquest, Mary Kearns, Lesley Kinch, Loretta Lynch, Jacqui Lyons, Audrey Morgan, Dorcas Ochola, Brian O'Riordan, Helen Perry, Mark Pritchard, Christina and David Simon, Mark Simon, Pauline White and Anne Wightman.

The Departed: Jean Simpson.

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.

READING Colossians 3.12–17

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

¹² As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.

¹³ Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.

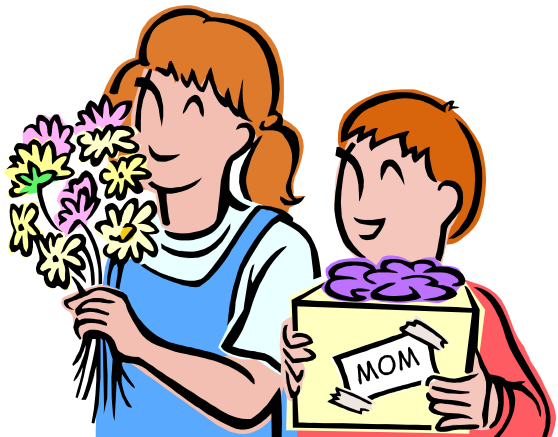
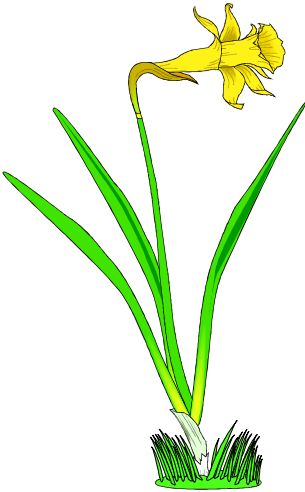
¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.

¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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	31	Mar	Toddlers' Group	10.00 – 11.30am
			Lent Group (Choir Vestry)	2.30 – 4.00pm
Tue	1	Apr	Service at River Court	3.00pm
			Lent Group (Vicarage)	8.00 – 9.30pm
Wed	2	Apr	Coffee in Church and Food Bank	10.30am-12 noon
			PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL	7.55pm
Thu	3	Apr	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
Sun	6	Apr	PASSION SUNDAY	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST:	9.30am
			President: Fr Geoff and Preacher: Jamie Wareham	
			(The Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church	12.30 - 5.30pm)
			Joint Service at Trinity Methodist	6.30pm

NOTICES

ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION: This year's revision commenced on Sunday 16th March and finishes on Tuesday 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 Moring. If you have changed your email address or telephone number could you also inform us please.

READERS wanted for the Palm Sunday dramatised Gospel, and also the Easter Vigil. Please see Fr Geoff if you would like to take part.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS: please note the annual report and accounts will be distributed electronically. A list is available at the rear of the church which please sign if you do not have the facility to receive the report electronically and would like a hard copy – *Jean Alexander, PCC Secretary*

LENT COLLECTING BOXES for the Church Army are available at the back of church and by the Lady Chapel. These should be returned by Easter Sunday.

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 join the watch for part of the time.

FOOD BANK: Don't forget that we are still collecting as well as giving out parcels of food. There is a list of the items of food that can be included in the food parcels in particular there is a need for tinned meat and meat pies, and UHT milk. If you would like to donate any of these items or anything else please bring them to church and put them in the box at the west end.

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.