

Sunday 19 March 2023

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## Welcome on Mothering Sunday!

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<b>Sun 19 Mar</b> <i>Mothering Sunday</i>	<b>8am Holy Communion</b> ( <i>Book of Common Prayer</i> )
	<b>9.30am Explore Together</b>
	<b>10.30am Gather to Pray</b>
	<b>11am Holy Communion</b> followed by coffee <a href="https://youtube.com/live/YNztmXvv4hM?feature=share">https://youtube.com/live/YNztmXvv4hM?feature=share</a>

Thanks go to:



Coffee Makers

**Collect**

God of love,  
passionate and strong,  
tender and careful:  
watch over us and hold us  
all the days of our life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

*Church usually open for visitors/prayer Monday – Friday 12-2pm*

<b>Mon 20 Mar</b>	<b>7.30pm Lent Course (week 4)</b> in church (with coffee from 7pm)
<b>Tues 21 Mar</b>	<b>9-11.30am Toddlers</b> in church
	<b>12-1.30pm Matt's Knits</b> knit and natter in the Hall – all welcome
<b>Wed 22 Mar</b>	<b>9am Holy Communion</b>
	<b>9.40am Ukrainian support group/coffee morning</b>
	<b>10am Lent Course (week 4)</b> in the lounge
	<b>12.30pm Funeral of Patricia Hayward</b>
	<b>12-3.30pm Warm Space</b> in the hall
	<b>7.15-9pm St Matts Gospel Singers</b> practice in church
<b>Thurs 23 Mar</b>	<b>10am Warberry Easter Service</b>
<b>Fri 24 Mar</b>	<b>10am Mummy &amp; Me</b> in the church
	<b>1.30pm Ilsham Easter Service</b>
	<b>6.30-8pm Youth Group</b>
<b>Sun 26 Mar</b>	<b>8am Holy Communion</b> ( <i>Book of Common Prayer</i> )
	<b>10.30am Gather to Pray</b>
	<b>11am Morning Worship</b>
	<b>5.30pm 'Praise @ 5.30pm'</b>

## Readings for today

### Exodus 2:1-10

Now a man of the tribe of Levi married a Levite woman, <sup>2</sup>and she became pregnant and gave birth to a son. When she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him for three months. <sup>3</sup>But when she could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket for him and coated it with tar and pitch. Then she placed the child in it and put it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile. <sup>4</sup>His sister stood at a distance to see what would happen to him.

<sup>5</sup>Then Pharaoh's daughter went down to the Nile to bathe, and her attendants were walking along the river-bank. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her female slave to get it. <sup>6</sup>She opened it and saw the baby. He was crying, and she felt sorry for him. 'This is one of the Hebrew babies,' she said.

<sup>7</sup>Then his sister asked Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?'

<sup>8</sup>'Yes, go,' she answered. So the girl went and got the baby's mother. <sup>9</sup>Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this baby and nurse him for me, and I will pay you.' So the woman took the baby and nursed him. <sup>10</sup>When the child grew older, she took him to Pharaoh's daughter and he became her son. She named him Moses, saying, 'I drew him out of the water.'

### John 19:25b-27

<sup>25</sup> Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. <sup>26</sup> When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing near by, he said to her, 'Woman, here is your son,' <sup>27</sup> and to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

### 1 Corinthians 4: 14-17

<sup>14</sup> I am writing this not to shame you but to warn you as my dear children. <sup>15</sup> Even if you had ten thousand guardians in Christ, you do not have many fathers, for in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel. <sup>16</sup> Therefore I urge you to imitate me. <sup>17</sup> For this reason I have sent to you Timothy, my son whom I love, who is faithful in the Lord. He will remind you of my way of life in Christ Jesus, which agrees with what I teach everywhere in every church.

## News & Events

**Coffee Box** returns on Saturday morning 8th April and we'd love to give folks passing a good Easter welcome. We'll be serving hot drinks and pastries and chatting to passers-by. If you are able to help for a couple hours starting 9.30am please either let Pere know in the office or Andrew Stilliard on 07729 362802.

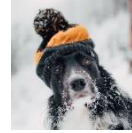


## WHAT - NO COFFEE!

You'll be pleased to hear help is at hand and coffee will now be served! Thanks to everyone who has offered to help. We still have room for more on the team though!

**Girls Allowed - date for your diary** – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April @ 7pm – Table Talk and a mystery speaker! Elaine, Andrea, Susie, Sue and Judi.

**Warm space – is open every Wednesday from 12-5pm** - everyone welcome! Come and have some lovely soup, hot drinks, chat...



**Anya and Pete send thanks** for all your prayers and support while their daughter was in hospital.

**Would you like to receive the notices by email?** If so, please complete a GDPR form (data protection) which gives us permission to keep your contact details on our database and to contact you when necessary. Please ask a Welcomer for a form.



**Date for your diary:**  
**Messy Church 4 April 3.15pm**

### Coronation Weekend of Celebrations

Come and celebrate the coronation of King Charles III at St Matthias Church

**Friday 5 May 7.30pm** 'Coronation Chorus'

**Saturday 6 May from 12.30pm** – watch the Coronation Ceremony on the big screen with tea and cake

**Sunday 7 May** Church Family Celebratory Lunch (following on from the 11am service). See posters for more information.



## THE LENT CHALLENGE from our Eco Group

- ✓ Calculate your personal carbon footprint – <https://footprint.wwf.org.uk> – and try to find ways of decreasing it.
- ✓ Try to car share whenever possible.
- ✓ Replace one item in your regular shop with something that is either Fair Trade or organic.
- ✓ Find out more about COP 28 and pray for meaningful outcomes.

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*Please note that our services are often live-streamed*

# Prayers

## Suggestions for our Praise and Prayers this week

**Sun** Pray for Christians in high positions, that they may have wisdom, integrity and discernment especially where there is conflict.

**Mon** Pray for all who are ill, waiting treatment, or bereaved, that they may find healing in Jesus' name.

**Tue** With the public debate about freedom of speech pray that Christians may be allowed this freedom.

**Wed** There are so many countries where there is war or conflict, so pray that there might be some sort of peace and order. Pray especially for Ukraine and Russia that this war may cease and harmony reign.

**Thu** Dr Nicci Maxwell our CMS Mission Partner, is soon to return to this country for leave. Pray that she will be guided about her future with CMS as her present position seems to have been completed.

**Fri** There are a number of needs for volunteers in the church. Pray that folk will feel the call to fill these needs and not wait to be pushed!

**Sat** Pray for our Government that it may know how to treat justly all who are on strike and affected. Pray for justice, compassion and fairness.

**Sun** Our Lent Course is helping us to look at how best we can be Christians in community - pray that we may be lights both to others in the church and folk around us in the world.

## HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

### 2 April Palm Sunday

8am Holy Communion

9.30am Explore Together  
*with breakfast*

11am Holy Communion

4 April 3.15pm Messy Easter

### 6 April Maundy Thursday

7pm Holy Communion

### 7 April Good Friday

10am Explore Together

2pm Last Hour at the Cross

### Easter Sunday

8am Holy Communion

11am United Family Service



## WORKING PARTY

**CHANGE TO DATE AGAIN!**

**BACK TO SAT 1 APRIL**

**9.30am-3pm**

Sorry for the confusion and change of date again! 1<sup>st</sup> April means that the church and grounds will be clean and tidy in time for the Easter celebrations and the Coronation events. If you could help either outdoors with some gardening/tidying or inside the church (eg dusting, brass cleaning) we'd love to hear from you. Please sign up at the back of church. There will be cake and coffee and good fun to be had while doing a brilliant job on our lovely church.

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