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**Sunday 26 March 2017**

**Mothering Sunday**

## Welcome!

*We are delighted to see you, especially if this is your first visit. Please do join us for refreshments in the hall after the 10.30am service.*

### Today

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	Family Service for Mothering Sunday
During the Week	
Tues	9am Morning Prayer
	9-11.30am Open House parents and toddlers <i>in the Lounge</i>
	2pm Ilsham Academy Easter Service
	7.30pm Lent Course <i>in the Hall</i>
Wed	9am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee in the Lounge</i>
	10am Warberry School Easter Service
	12 noon-1.30pm Lent Lunch <i>in aid of the East Africa Crisis Appeal</i>
	7.30pm St Matts Cats
Fri	2pm Pre-School Easter Service
	6.30pm Youth Club <i>in the Hall</i>
Sunday 2 April	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Breakfastzone <i>in the Hall with breakfast at 9.15pm</i>
10.30am	Holy Communion (CW)

### 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

### Passover Supper

**Thurs 13 April**

**St Matthias  
 Church**

6.30pm

## Readings

### 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.'

### Luke 2: 33-35

<sup>33</sup> The child's father and mother marvelled at what was said about him. <sup>34</sup> Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: 'This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, <sup>35</sup> so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.'



## 'Grounded in Faith...Growing to Serve'

You will probably by now have collected your named envelope or received it in the post. If you don't yet have one, there are spare copies at the back of church. *(As with all of our regular church giving, only the treasurer and the person who helps with Gift Aid will know the details of individual pledges).*

**Still have questions about the project?** You can ask PCC members about the project over coffee in the hall after the 10.30 service.

***Special appeal pens available now £1 each. Please place money in small wooden collection box at the back of church.***

There will be a **retiring collection today** for the **East Africa Crisis Appeal**. Baskets at the back of church on your way out. For gift aid please put donation in blue envelope with name, address and postcode.

## What's on and notices

**Electoral Roll** will be open from today for 2 weeks should you wish to have your name entered in time for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 30 April. This is not a complete revision so if you already have your name on the roll, there is no need to reapply. Application forms are at the back of church.

**Men's Breakfast** 8 April at Palace Hotel. Speaker Chris Murray. Contact Charlie to book [c.allansen@btinternet.com](mailto:c.allansen@btinternet.com).

**'LEGO'** Thank you for all the donations. No more required now. 😊

**Street Pastors** Cliff Adcock will be commissioned at the next commissioning service on 8 April at Upton Vale at 6pm. Les Isaac, founder of Street Pastors will officiate. He will also be preaching at Central Church on Palm Sunday 9 April at 6.30pm. Your support would be appreciated.

**A Night at the Theatre** We are now selling tickets for this year's trip to the Little Theatre. TOADS have agreed to let us to take over the whole theatre on Saturday evening 22<sup>nd</sup> April for their performance of "Death in High Heels"; all profits go to the Friends. Tickets are on sale now in the hall after the 10.30am service at a very reasonable £8.50. More details on our notice board. *Friends*

**LiNX Elevate activities week** at Upton Vale 31 July – 4 August – more info from Ruth Jones.

**Do you receive bread and wine at our communion services?** If not have you thought about confirmation which is the usual 'gateway' to doing this. Bishop Nick is coming to take a confirmation service here on **18 June**. To find out more please speak to one of the clergy.

### Events elsewhere...

**Ladies Day at Brunel Manor** Sat 8 April 'Calling and Purpose' with speaker Louise Sibley. For more information please see [www.brunelmanor.com](http://www.brunelmanor.com).

**Job vacancy** for a part time Christians Against Poverty Debt Centre Coach based at Upton Vale Baptist Church. Closing date 11 April. More information from: <http://www.uptonvale.org.uk/>

**For our prayers and praise this week**

Sun	<b>Mothering Sunday</b> Thank God for all mothers in our church and all other women who "mother" so many. Pray too for Her Majesty the Queen and other mothers in the Royal Family.
Mon	Pray for all who are praying what they should give towards the re-ordering of our church - that they may know God's guidance, and pray for John and the PCC who have overall responsibility for the changes.
Tues	Praise God that so many are attending our Lent Course. Pray for David Harley as he leads us. Pray, too, for the young people's Alpha Course.
Wed	Thank God for those who organise the Lent lunches and pray that it may be a time of good fellowship for those who come.
Thurs	Pray for all who we know who are sick, dying, or housebound. May they know the presence of Jesus in their lives.
Fri	Thank God for his people the Jews. Think of those preparing for the Passover Supper on April 13th. Pray for peace in the Middle East and other parts of the world.
Sat	Pray for all the staff team as they prepare for Holy Week and Easter. May they know a special infilling by God, Holy Spirit.
Sun	Praise God that we have freedom to worship him together. Pray for Christians in countries where they are persecuted. Pray for all who are leading our services of worship today.

**LENT**

- **Passover Supper Thurs 13 April at 6.30pm** ... more info to follow
- **Lent Course with David Harley: "Jesus and his friends: His farewell message and prayer" (John chapters 14-17)**
  - Tuesdays at 7.30pm: 28 March in the Hall
- **4 April @ 7.30pm Prayer and Praise** in the Hall
- **Lent Lunches** every Wednesday during Lent 12 noon – 1.30pm. All proceeds to the East Africa Crisis Appeal via Christian Aid. Please do come and support this worthy cause.

**Contacting the Church** [www.st-matthias-church.org](http://www.st-matthias-church.org)

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