

Reflection for Mothering Sunday

Our prayers are with all those in Ukraine, and especially at this time for children and families separated by war. There are verses (4-10) below from Ps 34 which seems to be of comfort there at present, and also a prayer from the arch-bishops.

I sought the Lord, and he answered me,
and delivered me from all my fears.

Look to him, and be radiant;

so your faces shall never be ashamed.

This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord,
and was saved from every trouble.

The angel of the Lord encamps
around those who fear him, and delivers them.

O taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are those who take refuge in him.

O fear the Lord, you his holy ones,
for those who fear him have no want.

The young lions suffer want and hunger,
but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

*God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion
to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and
in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
Amen.*

Fr David



Codes for Zoom Compline on Sundays during Lent

Meeting ID : 767 2850 1397

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NEXT SUNDAY 03.04.2022 Lent 5

SERVICES: 10.30am in Church. 8pm Zoom

READINGS: OT Isaiah 43: 16-21
NT Philippians 3: 4b-14
GOSPEL John 12: 1-8



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St Thomas, Exeter

27th March 2022

Mothering Sunday

10.30am in Church. 8pm Compline by Zoom

Today

10am Craft in the Church Hall

10.30am Sung Eucharist

8pm Compline by Zoom

Tuesday 29th March

7.30pm House Group by Zoom (see Ian)

Wednesday 30th March

10am Holy Communion (BCP)
followed by coffee and Lent Group

7.30pm PCC Meeting

Thursday 31st March

9.30-11am St Thomas Tots with Breast
Feeding Support

10.30am Knit & Natter at 19 Maple Road

Friday 1st April

11.30am Stations of the Cross



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. **Amen**

Exodus 2: 1-10

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. 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. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. 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. 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. 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?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. 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. 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.'

2 Corinthians 1: 3-7

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are

in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

John 19: 25-27

And that is what the soldiers did. Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

Post Communion

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

NOTICES

For our services in Church, **mask wearing** is not now compulsory but we would still advise it while infection numbers remain high. If you are coming to coffee, we also recommend wearing a mask until you are seated in the Hall.

Mothering Sunday Craft Please come and help make posies and Mothering Sunday cards in the Hall from 10am. We are relying on this help to be able to give flowers to everybody—no help, no

flowers!

Knit and Natter March 2022 We shall be meeting every Thursday from 10.30 to midday at 19 Maple Road. Details from Jenny on 01392 498725.

House Group. We are meeting every Tuesday throughout Lent. We will be following the C of E 'Living in Love and Faith' course. New people very welcome!

Community Larder is receiving donations on Tuesdays from 10am-12noon.

Wednesday 23rd March at 10am. This month Fr Dominic Cyrus will celebrate a Walsingham Mass for us on the fourth Wednesday in The Lady Chapel. Do come to this brief and uplifting service.

DBS renewals and checks a message from Carolyn Bryant, Parish Safeguarding Representative. As a result of recent changes DBS checks now need to be renewed every 3 years instead of 5, so everyone will need to complete a new online application. All PCC members will need a DBS check in their capacity as trustees of an organisation working with and supporting children and vulnerable adults. There are also others in connection with their work with children, taking communion to people in their homes etc. Please look out for an email from me with instructions and a link to the online application form over the next couple of weeks and speak to Jane Vowles or me if you have any questions. We appreciate that not everyone has access to email or may need additional support with the application process, providing acceptable ID etc and we would be happy to help if required.
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St Andrew's, Exwick. Please note that Fr David and Rev Sarah are covering some of the Sunday morning services at Exwick after the retirement of Jerry Bird.