

**The Parish of Christ Church, Waltham Cross**  
**Sunday 22 March 2020 + Mothering Sunday + Fourth Sunday of Lent**

If you would like information about anything to do with Christ Church, please contact Reverend Teresa at vicarccwc@gmail.com (01992 640338 or 07545 462189) or see our website at [christchurchwx.com](http://christchurchwx.com)

**There are no public services at Christ Church at the moment.**

**Prayer intentions this week at Christ Church**

**Today** *we pray for the Anglican Church of South America*

**Monday 23 March :** *We pray for our Ministers, PCC, and Churchwardens*

**Tuesday 24 March :** *We pray for our Rainbows and Brownies*

**Wednesday 25 March (Lady Day) :** *We pray for all who live in Sterling Avenue*

**Thursday 26 March :** *We pray all those caring for children*

**Friday 27 March :** *We pray for the CA Group*

**Saturday 28 March :** *We pray for Broxbourne Foodbank, its clients and helpers*

**Sunday's readings**

Old Testament Reading : Exodus 2.1-10 : 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'

New Testament Reading : Colossians 3.12-17 : As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. 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. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. 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. 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 Reading : John 19.25-27 : 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

***We pray this week for...***

**Those who are sick:**

Maria Flood, Freddie Whittick, Carol O'Dell, Pam Isaacs, Corinne Prior, Halemah Hassam, Judy de la Bedoyere, Jane Robinson, Thomas Ablitt, Lauren Craddock, Paul Cawdell, John Dixon

**For the recently departed and all who mourn them**

**Years Mind:** Rene Matthews, John Willbourne

**Those receiving Holy Communion a home:**

Annie Hutchings, Ann Skerritt, Audrey Crew, Kay Day, Eileen Bassett

Please hold all those affected by Coronavirus, those who are vulnerable and those who are treating its victims in your prayers.

**From the Vicar:** This Sunday is quite poignant – with its emphasis on families at a time when we are separated as a church family and also, possibly, from members of our own families. Our readings stress the need for family, both flesh and blood and spiritual, the power of love and the need for forgiveness. I know many of you have made an effort to look after neighbours and friends; do please carry on the good work. And in this time of separation, find ways to continue to be church (which, after all, is the people, not the building). A lot of contact can, these days, be by means of technology, so use it to maintain the body of Christ, so however you can do it - keep in contact with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Continue to pray – there are many resources available. And, unless we are in lockdown, church will be open at times (to be publicized) for private prayer.

*Our vision is to be a church that is welcoming, inclusive and vibrant and which celebrates its diversity; a church which is growing in faith and fellowship, committed to sharing the Gospel with the community we serve*