

# *Welcome to St Andrew's Church Handsworth*

*If you are a visitor thank you for joining us for the service. We are a very friendly and warm community. We hope you will enjoy the service and be filled with God's love. We will pray for you and for your loved ones. We hope to see you again with us .*

**March 19, 2023 – Mothering Sunday**

**10.00 am: Eucharistic Celebration**

**Led by: Fr Paskal Clement**

**Preacher: Alison**

**Chalice: Mary**

**Intercessor: Rebecca**

**Hymn numbers: 26 195 467 90 532**

**First Reading: 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 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

*Happy Mother's Day.*

Every night I thank my lucky stars that  
you're my Mom.



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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."

### **Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14**

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light - for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord.

Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly, but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

## **Gospel: Luke 2 33-35**

The child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed— and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

## **Notices**

### **Lent Course – In the Wilderness:**

Fourth session: Prayer, Meditation & Scripture  
Every Thursday on Zoom at 7.00 pm.

### **Prayers of Intercession**

I prefer the intercessions should be said/done from the front. Fr Paskal

### **Holy Communion**

From today onwards, the Holy Communion will be given in both forms. But we will still carry on with intinction as well. Feel free to choose how you would like to receive the communion. Fr Paskal

### **AGM/APCM**

Our Annual General Meeting will take place on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>, April 23, right after the service. Please mark this date in your diary. Your presence and your contribution will be highly appreciated. Fr Paskal

### **Reports for AGM/APCM**

Those holding key responsibilities in the church life like Churchwarden and others. Please send me your report/s before 10<sup>th</sup> April. Many thanks. Fr Paskal

## Passover Meal

The Passover Meal will take place on Holy Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> April after the Holy Communion Service. It is not going to be in a strict sense Passover Meal in a Jewish Tradition which we will plan next year. But it is going to bring and share meal. It will be lovely to have you all this evening with some delicious food to share with others. Fr Paskal

## Article/s for magazine

Please submit articles for the magazine to Eileen at [parishmagazine949@gmail.com](mailto:parishmagazine949@gmail.com). The closing date for sending items is March 26. Many thanks. Eileen

***“Prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well.” (James 5:15)***

**Prayer for the sick:** Gloria Boothe, Gloria James, Monica, Harry Wilkes, Jackie Bond, Sheila and Brian, Anthony, Judi, Nancy Forbes, T. Clarke, Steadford Clarke, Beverly and Elaine Mitchell, Jacqueline Cole, Mr and Mrs Gordon, Deb Jones, Caroline P, John Beards, Angela, Gill Ludford, Linda Daniels, Edmond Griffin, Jean Wildman, Linda , Joshua.

**Anniversary of Death:** Margaret Ebbitt, Israel Martin.

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