

St. John's Anglican Church, St. Raphaël

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A congregation of the Church of England's
Diocese in Europe and a member of the
World-Wide Anglican Communion.

St. John's is an inclusive congregation and
welcomes everyone to worship with us.

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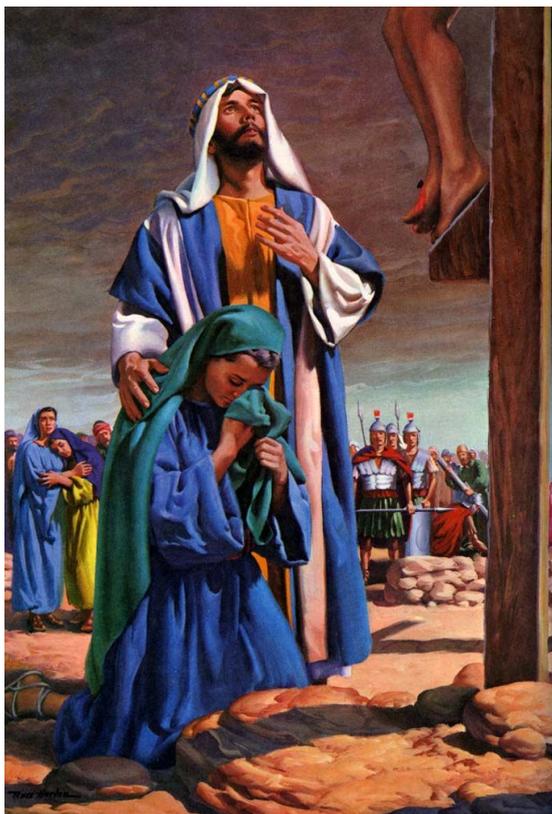
Notre Église est une congrégation inclusive, et tout
le monde est bienvenu.

**A VERY WARM
WELCOME TO OUR
SERVICE THIS
MORNING**

"Woman, here is your Son." Then He
said to the disciples "Here is your
mother."

John 19:26-7

**Sunday
15th March 2026
Fourth Sunday of Lent /
Mothering Sunday**



**Chaplain (Locum)
Warden & Secretary
Warden
Music Director & Lay-Chair
Congregational Worship Leader**

Revd. Nick **Jones**
Peter **Owen**
Bérençère **Ross**
Shirley **Rowson**
Alastair **Ross**

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COMMUNION SERVICE

NOTICES & MUSICAL PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN # 532 Now thank we all our God

WELCOME & PRAYER OF PREPARATION

CONFESSION, KYRIE, ABSOLUTION

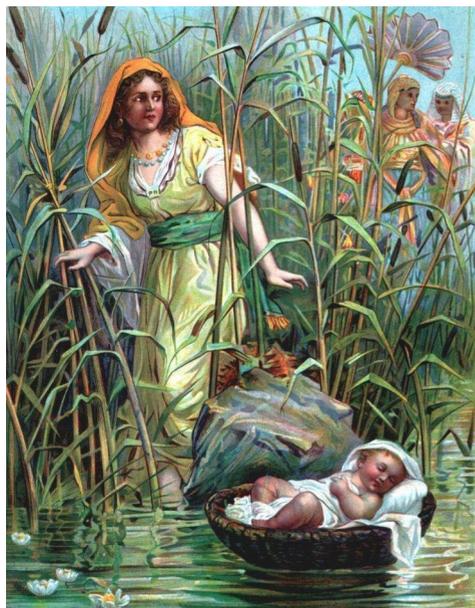
(No GLORIA during Lent)

COLLECT PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF 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.'

Reader: *This is the word of the Lord* All: Thanks be to God

A READING FROM ST. PAUL'S 2nd LETTER TO THE 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**.

Reader: *This is the word of the Lord* All: Thanks be to God

In our sad condition, our only **consolation** is the expectancy of another life. Here below, all is incomprehensible.

Martin LUTHER (1483 - 1546)

Jesus has many who love his heavenly kingdom, but few who bear his cross. Many want **consolation**, but few desire adversity. Many are eager to share Jesus' table, but few will join him in fasting.

Thomas A KEMPIS (c. 1380 - 1471)

GOSPEL HYMN # 822 When morning gilds the skies

Gospel Reader: *The Lord be with you* All: **And also with you**

Gospel Reader: *Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John* All: **Glory to you, O Lord**

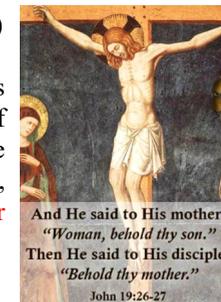
THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO SAINT JOHN

(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.

Gospel Reader: *This is the Gospel of the Lord*

All: **Praise to you, O Christ**



And He said to His mother, "Woman, behold thy son." Then He said to His disciple, "Behold thy mother."

John 19:26-27

SERMON

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

THE NICENE CREED followed by PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY HYMN # 40 Angel-voices ever singing

The service continues on Page 12 of the Service Booklet

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

PRIESTLY BLESSING

FINAL HYMN # 605 Our Father God in heaven

SENDING OUT & POSTLUDE

The service is followed by coffee and Church Lunch

NOTICES

- 1. Easter Cards** Easter cards are available in the usual place in the side aisle
- 2. Annual General Meeting.** A reminder that our congregational AGM (including the meetings of both our Charity Association and our Church Association) will be held on Sunday 29th March (Palm Sunday) immediately after our Coffee time following the service. The AGM papers will be available at the back of the church for all members on the Electoral Roll
- 3. It has been suggested** that members of the congregation be given the opportunity to choose their favourite hymn and say why this is the case. So please note down the number and your **SHORT** comments and give them to Shirley Rowson. The hymns are chosen on a three-monthly cycle to complement the readings and theme for the day, but it will be possible to change some from time to time. Therefore, if there is a large response, the changes will be spread over several weeks.

**Service for Sunday 22nd March : (Fifth Sunday of Lent)
Communion celebrated by Nick JONES
Ezekiel 37: 1-14 ; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45**