



**ST LAURENCE'S PARISH CHURCH
BIDFORD-ON-AVON**

4th Sunday of Lent

Mothering Sunday

14th March, 2010

Monday 15th March

9.30 Bible Study – 24 High Street
From 12.00 noon Lent Lunches, church hall

7.00pm – 9.00pm '**Live Generation**' - Youth Club
Methodist Church

Tuesday 16th March

7.00 pm – 8.00 pm Lenten Prayer St. Laurence

Wednesday 17th March

Church open 10.30 – 12.30

All welcome for Coffee, Comfort and
Companionship - Discussion led by
Mothers' Union on 'Relationships Not Rules'
and Prayers at Noon

Thursday 18th March

9.30 am Communion by Extension

Friday 19th March

7.00 pm Youth Outreach

Saturday 20th March

12.00 noon Lent Lunches

Sunday 21st March

5th Sunday of Lent

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Holy Communion

2.00pm County Civic Service

6.30pm St Andrews Temple

The Four Churches choir are performing
Stainer's 'Crucifixion' at Temple Grafton

Notices

Saturday 27th March

Holy Trinity Church, Stratford upon Avon

4.00pm & 7.30 pm Message of the Cross -

presented by the Trinity Players

10.00 am – 12.00 – **Dunnington Baptist Church**

Coffee morning in aid of Shakespeare Hospice

Easter Services

9.30am **Maundy Thursday** – Holy Communion

7.30pm Holy Communion & Stripping of the Altar

10.00am **Good Friday** Procession –

starting from the Crawford Hall

11.30am **Good Friday** Family Service

2.00pm Good Friday Liturgy

Easter Sunday

5.45am Dawn Service with Communion by Extension

8.00am Holy Communion (said)

10.00am Festival Holy Communion

TODAY'S SERVICE

We welcome: 8.00 Revd. Tony Boyd-Williams

10.00 Revd. Sue Henwood

Hymn: 433

Give me joy in my heart

The 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.

First Reading

Exodus 2: 1-10

1. Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman.
2. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months.
3. 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.
4. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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?"
8. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother.
9. 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.
10. 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."

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Second Reading

Colossians 3: 12-17

12. As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.

13. 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.

14. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

15. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.

16. 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.

17. 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.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hymn No: 505

Lord Jesus Christ

The Gospel

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Luke 2: 33-35

Glory to you, O Lord

33. And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him.

34. 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

35. so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed--and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Hymn No: 530

Now thank we all our God

If I were a butterfly

If I were a butterfly,
I'd thank you Lord for giving me wings.
And if I were a robin in a tree,
I'd thank you Lord that I could sing
And if I were a fish in the sea,
I'd wiggle my tail and I'd giggle with glee
But I just thank You father for making me, 'me'

*For You gave me a heart
and You gave me a smile
You gave me Jesus and
you made me Your child
And I just thank You Father for
making me, 'me'*

If I were an elephant,
I'd thank you Lord by raising my trunk.
And if I were a kangaroo,
You know I'd hop right up to You
And if I were an octopus,
I'd thank You Lord for my fine looks,
But I just thank You Father for making me, 'me'

For you gave me a heart

If I were a wiggly worm,
I'd thank You Lord that I could squirm.
And if I were a billy goat,
I'd thank You Lord for my strong throat.
And if I were a fuzzy wuzzy bear,
I'd thank You Lord for my fuzzy, wuzzy hair
But I just thank You Father for making me, 'me'.

For you gave me a heart

Hymn No: 424

Fill my life

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.

Hymn: 507

Lord of all hopefulness

**All are warmly invited to join with us for coffee
and biscuits in the Church Hall after the
service**

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