



# THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

*St Michael and All Angels*

Watford

**PALM SUNDAY**

**29 March 2015**

A warm welcome to everyone to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist, Fr Geoff celebrates and Sarah Dunning leads the intercessions.

**We all meet outside the main west door for the beginning of the Palm procession.**

**There is a special service book including the Passion Gospel.**

**Hymns: 433/128, 124, 279 and 127 (ii)**

**Setting: Missa Seraphica**

Coffee and tea will be served in church after the 9.30 service and there is a Bring-&-Buy Sale – please stay on.

(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church 1.00 – 5.00pm)

Evening Prayer at 6.00 pm.

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## **For your prayers this week:**

**The Church:** The Parish of Biggleswade in our Diocese.

The Diocese of Jerusalem; Suheil Dawani its Bishop and all its people.

The role of the worldwide Church in promoting peace.

**The World:** All those affected by the crash of Germanwings flight 4U 9525.

That world leaders may foster peace and justice.

The people of Jerusalem and the Holy Land.

**The Community and Parish:** A prayerful and worshipful Holy Week.

Our flower arrangers.

All visitors to our Church in Holy Week and Easter.

**The Ill and the Housebound:** Especially Bruce Alexander, Sonia Anderson, Tina Bennett, Janet Bridge, Jean and Robert Caton, Peter Coley, Marion Craddock-Jones, Pamela Cutler, Audrey Dixon, Claire Dunning, Sandra Fullerton, Jenny Houghton, Audrey Jaquest, Mary Kearns, Lesley Kinch, Loretta Lynch, Audrey Morgan, Dorcas Ochola, Brian O’Riordan, Helen Perry, Mark Pritchard, Christina Simon, Mark Simon, Karen Stride, and Anne Wightman.

**The Departed:** Beryl McKechnie.

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**COLLECT**

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who in your tender love towards the human race  
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ  
to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross:  
grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility,  
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;  
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.**

**FIRST READING Isaiah 50.4–9a**

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The servant of the LORD said:

- 4 The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may  
know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he  
wakens – wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.
- 5 The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not  
turn backwards.
- 6 I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who  
pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.
- 7 The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be  
put to shame;
- 8 he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us  
stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.
- 9 It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

*Today's Gospel is the Passion Narrative According to St Mark and is found in the service booklets.*

# PRINCIPAL HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES 2015

## **Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday – 30 March - 1 April**

8.00 pm Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel

## **Maundy Thursday – 2 April**

10.00 am Holy Communion

8.00 pm Eucharist of the Last Supper

Stripping of the Altars

followed by Maundy Watch overnight

## **Good Friday – 3 April**

12.00 noon – 3.00 pm The Last Three Hours

12-1 pm Stations of the Cross

1-2 pm The Second Hour at the Cross

2-3 pm Good Friday Liturgy

## **Easter Eve – 4 April**

9.00 pm Easter Vigil

## **Easter Day – 5 April**

8.00 am Holy Communion

9.30 am Parish Family Eucharist for Easter Day with Blessing of Easter Garden

6.30 pm United Evening Service at Trinity Methodist



## THIS WEEK

**Principal service times for this week are on the inside page**

Mon	30	Mar	Toddlers' Group	10.00 – 11.30am
			Funeral of Jeanie Trotter	11.30am
Tue	31	Mar	Intercessory Prayer Group	2.30pm
Wed	1	Apr	Coffee in Church and Food Bank	10.30am – 12 noon
Thur	2	Apr	<u>MAUNDY THURSDAY</u> (see inside)	
			Fairhaven	morning
			Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.00pm
Fri	3	Apr	<u>GOOD FRIDAY</u> (see inside)	
Sat	4	Apr	<u>HOLY SATURDAY</u> (see inside)	
Sun	5	Apr	<u>EASTER SUNDAY</u>	
			Holy Communion (Fr Geoff)	8.00am
			<b>Parish Family Eucharist for Easter Day</b> with Blessing of Easter	
			Garden (Pres and Preacher: Fr Geoff)	9.30am
			United Service at Trinity Methodist	6.30pm

## NOTICES

ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION: This year's revision has commenced, and finishes on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April. A copy of the current Roll is on the notice board at the back of the Church for you to check. If anyone would like their name added to the Roll, please get a form from Fr Geoff, a Churchwarden or Henry or Sylvia Moring. If you have changed your email address or telephone number could you also inform us please.

THE FUNERAL of Jeanie Trotter will be on Monday 30 March at 11.30am in Church. All welcome.

EASTER FLOWERS: It is our custom to invite people to make a donation towards the Easter flowers, perhaps in memory of a loved one. If you would like to do this, please give your donation to Fay Storey or Jean Alexander. If you are able to gift aid your donation it should go in one of the white gift aid envelopes.

MAUNDY WATCH If you are able to take part for an hour or more at the Maundy Watch please sign the list on the desk by the Mildred Avenue door. At present there are very few names on the list.

LENT COLLECTING BOXES for the Church Army are available at the back of church. Please take one. These will be collected on Easter Day.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES: Thank you for the boxes that have been brought to church. There must still be some to be returned. If yours is one of them please bring it to be counted as soon as possible.

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