



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

EASTER DAY

5 April 2015

A very Happy Easter to everyone and a warm welcome to our services today. At the 9.30 am Eucharist the Easter Garden is blessed, Fr Geoff celebrates and preaches and Paul Chandler leads the intercessions.

Hymns: 159/137, 147, 162 and 160

Coffee and tea will be served in church after the 9.30 service – please stay on.

United Service at Trinity Methodist is at 6.30 pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: Leaders of the Anglican, Roman Catholic, Orthodox and Reformed Churches.

The work of the Church in bring new life and new hope to the hopeless.

The unity of the Church in proclaiming the risen Christ.

The World: Peace where there is conflict, justice where there is oppression.

Plenty where there is famine, health where there is pestilence.

Sufficiency where there is poverty, education where it is lacking.

The Community and Parish:.. All members of our wider Church family, near and far.

All former worshippers.

Those who handed the faith on to us.

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:

Collect

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity.

FIRST READING Acts 10.34–43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

- 34 Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality,
35 but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.
36 You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all.
37 That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced:
38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.
39 We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree;
40 but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear,
41 not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.
42 He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead.
43 All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

SECOND READING I Corinthians 15.1–11

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

- 1 I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand,
2 through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you – unless you have come to believe in vain.

3 For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received:
4 that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures,
5 and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in
6 accordance with the scriptures,
7 and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.
8 Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one
9 time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died.
10 Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.
11 Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.
12 For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I
13 persecuted the church of God.
14 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not
15 been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them – though
16 it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.
17 Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to
18 believe.

GOSPEL Mark 16.1–8

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

1 When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of
2 James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him.
3 And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they
4 went to the tomb.
5 They had been saying to one another, ‘Who will roll away the stone for us
6 from the entrance to the tomb?’
7 When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had
8 already been rolled back.
9 As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe,
10 sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed.
11 But he said to them, ‘Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of
12 Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look,
13 there is the place they laid him.
14 But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee;
15 there you will see him, just as he told you.’
16 So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had
17 seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

THIS WEEK

Mon	6	Apr	<i>Bank Holiday</i> NO Toddlers' Group	
Tue	7	Apr	River Court	3.00pm
Wed	8	Apr	Coffee in Church and Food Bank Service at Home Manor	10.30am – 12 noon 3.00pm
Thur	9	Apr	St Anthony's Choir Practice	morning
			<i>to be announced</i>	
Sat	11	Apr	(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church	9.00am – 5.00pm)
Sun	12	Apr	<u>EASTER 2</u> Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George) SUNG EUCHARIST (President and Preacher: Fr George) (Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church) Evening Prayer	9.30am 1.00 – 5.00pm) 6.00pm

NOTICES

ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION: This year's revision finishes today, Sunday 5th 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.

EASTER FLOWERS: It is our custom to invite people to make a donation towards the Easter flowers, perhaps in memory of a loved one. Thank you to everyone who has made a donation and helped to make our church look beautiful this Easter morning. A list of those people who are especially remembered in this way is displayed by the Lady Chapel.

LENT COLLECTING BOXES for the Church Army should be returned today.

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.

FOOD BANK: Don't forget that we are still collecting. There is a list at the back of church of the items of food that can be included in the food. If you would like to donate any of these items please bring them to church and put them in the box at the west end.