



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

PALM SUNDAY

20 March 2016

We wish you a warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist, Fr Geoff celebrates and Sylvia Moring 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 first two hymns and the Passion Gospel.

(The Gradual hymn is 124 and not the one in the booklet.)

Hymns: 433/128, Psalm 31, 124, 112 and 127 (i) alt.

Setting: Oldroyd

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

Evening prayer at 6.00 pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church:

The Parish of Great Berkhamsted in our Diocese.

The Diocese of Jerusalem, Suheil Dawani its Bishop and all its People.

Church Army evangelistic events in Holy Week.

The World:

The Peace of Jerusalem and the Holy Land.

Christian – Jewish Relations.

The work of Us and the Anglican Church in Zimbabwe fighting human trafficking.

The Community and Parish: All our visitors during Holy Week and Easter.

All our members on holiday during this period.

Our spiritual growth during Holy Week and Easter.

The Ill and the Housebound: Especially Bruce Alexander, Sonia Anderson, Tina Bennett, Christopher Bilson, Janet Bridge, Robert Caton, Peter Coley, Marion Craddock-Jones, Audrey Dixon, Claire Dunning, Sandra Fullerton, Kristine Jenkins, Mary Kearns, Lesley Kinch, Loretta Lynch, Dorcas Ochola, Brian O’Riordan, Helen Perry, Christina Simon, Mark Simon and Karen Stride.

The Departed: Colleen Callender.

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?

Followed by Psalm 31

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

PRINCIPAL HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES 2016

Tuesday & Wednesday – 22, 23 March

8.00 pm Eucharist in the Lady Chapel

Maundy Thursday – 24 March

10.00 am Holy Communion

8.00 pm Eucharist of the Last Supper with Washing of Feet

Stripping of the Altars

followed by Maundy Watch overnight

Good Friday – 25 March

10.00 Good Friday Walk of Witness

beginning at the Bandstand, near the Town Hall, with a short service

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

Children's Activities in Littlebury Hall

followed by Hot Cross Buns in Church

Holy Saturday – 26 March

9.00 pm Service of Light

Easter Day – 27 March

8.00 am Holy Communion

9.30 am Parish Family Eucharist, Blessing of Easter Garden

6.00 pm Evening Prayer

THIS WEEK

Principal service times for this week are on the inside page

Mon	21	Mar	Toddlers' Group	10 – 11.30am
			Agape Passover Meal (see Notices)	7.00pm
Wed	23	Mar	Food Bank	10.00am – 12 noon
			Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
Thur	24	Mar	<u>MAUNDY THURSDAY</u> (see inside)	
			Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.00pm
Fri	25	Mar	<u>GOOD FRIDAY</u> (see inside)	
Sat	26	Mar	<u>EASTER EVE</u> (see inside)	
Sun	27	Mar	<i>British Summer Time begins</i>	
			<u>EASTER DAY</u> (see inside)	

NOTICES

ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION: This year's revision has commenced and finishes on Sunday 3rd 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 inform us please.

EASTER FLOWERS: If you would like to make a donation towards the Easter flowers, please give this to Jean Alexander or Fay Storey. If you would like the name of someone to be associated with your gift, please give them the name on paper.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES: Please return these as soon as possible.

LENT COLLECTING BOXES in aid of the Church Army should be returned next Sunday, please.

FINAL COPY DATE for April Sword is next Sunday, 27 March. Hard copy or floppy disc to Rob White or email to robwhite.watford@tiscali.co.uk.

AGAPE PASSOVER MEAL – tomorrow, Monday 21st March, at 7.00pm, we will be sharing an agape (Christian Love-Feast) in the form of a Passover Meal. This was the meal Jesus shared with his disciples, and the early Christians shared together in Christ. A meal with meaning! Tickets £5.00. Get yours TODAY from Iola or Sylvia.

WATCH IN THE LADY CHAPEL 24-25 March - please sign list by the Mildred Ave door if you wish to take part.. VOLUNTEERS for Readings and Foot Washing in Holy Week are also required please.

GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS by Churches Together starting at the Bandstand at 10 am for a short service (15 minutes), before walking together through the town to the Intu centre to present the Easter story at 10:45am. Gill and Martin Heath are leaving St M's at 9.45 am. & would be delighted if you'd join them. Do come for tea and coffee and hot cross buns afterwards at St. Mary's Church Centre

VACANCY AT DIOCESAN OFFICE: We are looking to appoint a full-time Estates & Trusts Administrator at Diocesan Office. Details are available on the website at <http://www.stalbans.anglican.org/diocese/other-vacancies/>.

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