



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

EASTER DAY

27 March 2016

A warm welcome to our services today and a very happy Easter to you all. At the 9.30 am Eucharist the Easter Garden is blessed; Fr Geoff celebrates and preaches and Vicki Matthews leads the intercessions.

Hymns: 156/157, 147, 143 (ii) and 137.

Setting: Thorne

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

Evening Prayer at 6.00pm in the Lady Chapel.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Church's witness to New Life in Christ.
The unity of the worldwide Church and its leaders.
Christians in the Middle East and Holy Land.

The World: The people of Belgium.
World Peace and fellowship between human beings.
A peaceful future for our children and young people.

The Community and Parish: Our fellow Christians in Watford.
Harmony between people of different nationalities and cultures in Watford.
All the members of our wider Church Family.

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, Simon Fowle, 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: Lilian Moseley.

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 15.19–26

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

- ¹⁹ If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

- 20 But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.
- 21 For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being;
- 22 for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ.
- 23 But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.
- 24 Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power.
- 25 For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.
- 26 The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

GOSPEL Luke 24.1–12

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

- 1 On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had accompanied Jesus came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared.
- 2 They found the stone rolled away from the tomb,
- 3 but when they went in, they did not find the body.
- 4 While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them.
- 5 The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, ‘Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.
- 6 Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee,
- 7 that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.’
- 8 Then they remembered Jesus’ words,
- 9 and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest.
- 10 Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles.
- 11 But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them.
- 12 But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened..

THIS WEEK

Mon	28	Mar	<i>Bank Holiday</i> NO Toddlers' Group	
Tue	29	Mar	Funeral in church of Colleen Callender. Everyone is invited to attend	11.00am
Wed	30	Mar	Food Bank Coffee in Church	10.00am – 12 noon 10.30am-12 noon
Thur	31	Mar	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language) Choir Practice	10.00am 7.00 – 8.00pm
Sun	3	Apr	<u>EASTER 2</u> Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff) SUNG EUCHARIST (President and Preacher: Fr George) United Service at Trinity Methodist	8.00am 9.30am 6.30pm

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: 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.

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

LENT COLLECTING BOXES: Please return the boxes and their contents to church today or as soon as possible..

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

ANNUAL MEETINGS: These are to be held on Wednesday, 27 April 2016. Before that date the secretary needs nominations for churchwardens, PCC members, and sidespeople. Jean Alexander will provide the appropriate nomination forms.

FRIENDS FROM ST. MICHAEL'S who attended the performance of the Fauré Requiem at Holy Rood on 18th March might like to know that £1000 was raised, to be shared between the Peace Hospice and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

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/>.