



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

EASTER 3
10 April 2016

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist Fr Geoff celebrates and preaches and Phil Gough leads the intercessions.

Hymns: 401, 145, 409 and 622

Setting: Thorne

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

(The Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church 1.00 – 5.00pm).

Evening Prayer in Lady Chapel at 6.00pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Parish of Northill in our Diocese.
The Diocese of Namibia, Nathaniel Nakwatumba its Bishop, and all its People.

Church Army's Scottish Borders Centre of Mission.

The World: The work of Us and Churches in Brazil helping the fight against the Zika Virus.

The work of Christian Aid with Island Communities in the Philippines.

Syrian refugees in Greece and Turkey.

The Community and Parish: . Residents and staff at Home Manor and St Anthony's.

Members of our Deanery Synod.

All those standing in local elections.

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:

Collect

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord:

give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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 Acts 9.1–6

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

- ¹ Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest
² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.
³ Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him.
⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?'
⁵ He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.
⁶ But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.'

SECOND READING Revelation 5.11–14

A reading from the book of Revelation.

- ¹¹ I, John, looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands,
¹² singing with full voice, 'Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!'
¹³ Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, 'To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might for ever and ever!'
¹⁴ And the four living creatures said, 'Amen!' And the elders fell down and worshipped.

GOSPEL John 21.1-19

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

- 1 Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way.
- 2 Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples.
- 3 Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.
- 4 Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.
- 5 Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.'
- 6 He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish.
- 7 That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake.
- 8 But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.
- 9 When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread.
- 10 Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.'
- 11 So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn.
- 12 Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord.
- 13 Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.
- 14 This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.
- 15 When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.'
- 16 A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.'
- 17 He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.
- 18 Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.'
- 19 He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God. After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

THIS WEEK

Mon	11	Apr	Toddlers' Group	10 – 11.30am
Tue	12	Apr	Deanery Synod	7.30pm
Wed	13	Apr	Food Bank	10.00am – 12 noon
			Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
			Service at Home Manor	2.30pm
Thur	14	Apr	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			St Anthony's	morning
			Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
Sun	17	Apr	<u>EASTER 4</u>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST (President and Preacher: Fr Geoff)	9.30am
			Evening Prayer	6.00pm

NOTICES

ELECTORAL ROLL: The revised Electoral Roll is displayed on the notice board. Please check your entry for any errors or omissions and inform Henry Moring or a churchwarden if there are any inaccuracies. Additional names can be added any time after the Annual Meetings on 27th April.

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

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

ANNUAL MEETINGS: These are to be held on Wednesday, 27 April 2016. There are agendas in white addressed envelopes for people at the west end of the church. Please help yourself to one. Before that date the secretary needs nominations for

churchwardens

a Deanery Synod representative (for one year)

PCC members

sidespeople

Jean Alexander will provide the appropriate nomination forms.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Wednesday 27 April at 7 pm Holy Communion before Annual Meetings.

Sunday 12 June Big Lunch in church during the Queen's official 90th Birthday Celebration weekend.

Sunday 17 July Cream Tea at church.