



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

PALM SUNDAY
Sunday 9 April 2017

A warm welcome to everyone 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 Passion Gospel.

Hymns: 433/128, 119, 279 (omit *s) and 127

Setting: Missa Seraphica

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

Evening Prayer at 6.00 pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church:

All who teach in Sunday Schools and Children's Church.

The Parish of Moggerhanger in our Diocese.

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

The World:

People suffering from famine in South Sudan, Yemen, Somalia and Nigeria.

Victims of chemical attack in Syria.

Relatives, friends and colleagues of the Westminster terror attack victims.

The Community and Parish:

A prayerful and worshipful Holy Week in our Church.

Our Holy Week and Easter Visitors.

Residents and Staff at Home Manor and St Anthony's.

The Ill and the Housebound:

Especially Bruce Alexander, Gavin Ashenden,

Christopher Bilson, Janet Bridge, Robert Caton, Peter Coley, Marion

Craddock-Jones, Judith Degen, Audrey Dixon, Claire Dunning,

Peter Hinchey, Kristine Jenkins, Mary Kearns, Lesley Kinch, Loretta

Lynch, Dorcas Ochola, Brian O'Riordan, Helen Perry, John Ramsey,

Pat Ricketts, Michele Rodford, Christina Simon, Mark Simon, and

all who care for them.

The Departed:

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 Matthew and is found in the service booklets.

PRINCIPAL HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES 2017

Tuesday & Wednesday – 11, 12 April

8.00 pm Holy Week Eucharist in the Lady Chapel

Maundy Thursday – 13 April

10.00 am Eucharist

8.00 pm Eucharist of the Last Supper with Washing of Feet

Stripping of the Altars

followed by Maundy Watch overnight

Good Friday – 14 April

8.00 am Morning Prayer

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

1.30 – 3 pm Good Friday Workshop in Littlebury Hall

Holy Saturday – 15 April

9.00 pm Service of Light

Easter Day – 16 April

8.00 am Holy Communion

9.30 am Sung Eucharist and Blessing of Easter Garden

6.00 pm Evening Prayer

Good Friday 10.00 am Walk of Witness
gathering this year at the top end of the pond (near
Rickmansworth Road) with a short service

THIS WEEK

Principal service times for this week are on the inside page

Mon	10	Apr	Toddlers' Group	10 – 11.30am
			Passover meal (in church)	7.00pm
Tue	11	Apr	Holy Week Eucharist	8.00pm
Wed	12	Mar	Food Bank	10.00am – 12 noon
			Coffee in Church	10.30am – 12 noon
			Funeral in Church	2.30pm
			Holy Week Eucharist	8.00pm
Thur	13	Apr	<u>MAUNDY THURSDAY</u> (see inside)	
			St Anthony's	morning
			Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.00pm
Fri	14	Apr	<u>GOOD FRIDAY</u> (see inside)	
Sat	15	Apr	<u>EASTER EVE</u> (see inside)	
Sun	16	Apr	<u>EASTER DAY</u> (see inside)	

NOTICES

LENT COLLECTING BOXES: Please return these on Easter Day.

ELECTORAL ROLL: The revised Electoral Roll is displayed on the notice board. Please check your entry for any errors or omissions and inform Fr Geoff or Henry or Sylvia Moring if there are any inaccuracies. Additional names can be added any time after the Annual Meetings on Wednesday 26th April.

VOLUNTEERS needed for readers for Passover Meal Readings, Good Friday Dramatised Gospel, Service of Light, people to have their feet washed on Maundy Thursday, and people for the Maundy Watch.

PASSOVER MEAL - on Monday 10 April (Monday in Holy Week), at 7.00 pm. This was the meal Jesus shared with his disciples, and the early Christians shared together in Christ. A meal with meaning! Tickets £5.00 are available from members of the Social Committee.

GOOD FRIDAY WORKSHOP: In Littlebury Hall from 1.30-3.00 pm for families. Activities to make an Easter Garden, decorations and cards.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS: please note the annual report and accounts will be distributed electronically. A list will be available at the rear of the church which please sign if you do not have the facility to receive the report electronically and would like a printed copy.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES: Please return any boxes remaining as soon as possible. All the proceeds from the boxes go to The Children's Society.

EASTER PLANTS If you would like to bring a plant to decorate the Church at Easter Tide please bring it to Church and give it to Fay during Holy Week.