



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

EASTER DAY
Sunday 16 April 2017

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 Violet Allen-Smith leads the intercessions.

Hymns: 159/137, 147, 138 and 162.

Setting: Thorne

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 Christian leaders giving Easter Messages.
Persecuted Christians worldwide.

That many will hear the Easter Message of Life and Hope.

The World: Our Jewish brothers and sisters.
Peace and good will among all people.
All refugees and stateless people.

The Community and Parish: A joyful Eastertide in our Church family.
Thanksgiving for our beautiful Church building, and those who keep it so.
All people of faith in our community.

The Ill and the Housebound: Especially 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: Bruce Alexander.

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 Colossians 3.1–4

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

- 1 If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.
- 2 Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth,
- 3 for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.
- 4 When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

GOSPEL Matthew 28.1–10

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

- 1 After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb.
- 2 And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it.
- 3 His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow.
- 4 For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men.
- 5 But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified.
- 6 He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.
- 7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.'
- 8 So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples.
- 9 Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him.
- 10 Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

THIS WEEK

Mon	17	Apr	<i>Bank Holiday</i> NO Toddlers' Group	
Tue	18	Apr	(Post Natal Classes (Choir Vestry)	10.00am – 12.15pm)
Wed	19	Apr	Food Bank	10.00am – 12 noon
			Coffee	10.30am – 12 noon
Thu	20	Apr	NO Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			NO Choir Practice	
Sun	23	Apr	<u>St George</u> <u>EASTER 2</u>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST (President and Preacher: Fr George)	9.30am
			(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church	1.00pm – 5.00pm)
			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 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.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS: please note the annual report and accounts will be distributed electronically. A list is 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.

FINAL COPY DATE FOR THE MAY SWORD is MIDDAY next Sunday, 23 April. Hard copy to Rob White or email to swordparishmagazine@googlemail.com.

LENT COLLECTING BOXES: Please return these on today.

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.

THE FUNERAL OF BRUCE ALEXANDER will be on Wednesday 26th in church at 11.00 am.

THE ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING
AND THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING
ARE ON
WEDNESDAY, 26th APRIL