



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

St GEORGE

Second Sunday of Easter

Sunday 23 April 2017

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist Fr George celebrates and preaches and Graham Mordue leads the intercessions.

Hymns: 157, 150, 154 and 353

Setting: Thorne

Children's Church in Littlebury Hall

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

(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church

1.00 pm – 5.00 pm)

Evening Prayer at 6.00 pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church:

The Parish of Furneaux Pelham in our Diocese.

The Diocese of Muranga South (Kenya), Julius Karanu Wa Gicheru its Bishop, and all its people.

All who serve as Street Angels.

The World:

The work to combat malaria (25th April is World Malaria Day).

Communities in Nepal still suffering from the 2015 earthquake.

People affected by care home closures.

The Community and Parish:

Our Churchwardens, PCC and Committee members.

Our Annual General Meetings.

Give thanks for all who give their time and energy to our Church.

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:

Collect

God of hosts,
who so kindled the flame of love
in the heart of your servant George
that he bore witness to the risen Lord
by his life and by his death:
give us the same faith and power of love
that we who rejoice in his triumphs
may come to share with him the fullness of the 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.

FIRST READING Revelation 12.7–12

A reading from the book of Revelation.

- 7 War broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon.
The dragon and his angels fought back,
8 but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in
heaven.
9 The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the
Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world – he was thrown down to
the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.
10 Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming, ‘Now have come the
salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of
his Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who
accuses them day and night before our God.
11 But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of
their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death.
12 Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in them! But woe to the
earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you with great wrath,
because he knows that his time is short!’

SECOND READING 2 Timothy 2.3–13

A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy.

- ³ Share in suffering like a good soldier of Christ Jesus.
- ⁴ No one serving in the army gets entangled in everyday affairs; the soldier's aim is to please the enlisting officer.
- ⁵ And in the case of an athlete, no one is crowned without competing according to the rules.
- ⁶ It is the farmer who does the work who ought to have the first share of the crops.
- ⁷ Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in all things.
- ⁸ Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David – that is my gospel,
- ⁹ for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained.
- ¹⁰ Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.
- ¹¹ The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him;
- ¹² if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us;
- ¹³ if we are faithless, he remains faithful – for he cannot deny himself.

GOSPEL John 15.18–21

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

Jesus said to his disciples:

- ¹⁸ 'If the world hates you, be aware that it hated me before it hated you.
- ¹⁹ If you belonged to the world, the world would love you as its own. Because you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world – therefore the world hates you.
- ²⁰ Remember the word that I said to you, "Servants are not greater than their master." If they persecuted me, they will persecute you; if they kept my word, they will keep yours also.
- ²¹ But they will do all these things to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me.'

THIS WEEK

Mon	24	Apr	Toddlers' Group	10 – 11.30am
Tue	25	Apr	(Post Natal Classes (Choir Vestry) Intercessory Prayer Group	11.15 – 12.15pm 2.30pm
Wed	26	Apr	Food Bank Coffee Funeral of Bruce Alexander in Church Eucharist in Lady Chapel ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING	10.00am – 12 noon 10.30am – 12 noon 11.00am 7.00pm 7.45pm 8.00pm
Thu	27	Apr	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language) Choir Practice	10.00am 7.00 – 8.30pm
Fri	28	Apr	(WGSB and WGSG Founder's Day services)	
Sun	30	Apr	<u>EASTER 3</u> Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff) SUNG EUCHARIST (President and Preacher: Fr Geoff) Children's Church in Littlebury Hall Followed by a Bring-&-Buy Sale Evening Prayer	8.00am 9.30am 6.00pm

NOTICES

ANNUAL MEETINGS: These are to be held on Wednesday, 26 April 2017 in the Littlebury Hall and will be followed by refreshments. There are agendas in white addressed envelopes for people at the west end of the church. Please collect your copy. Before that date the secretary needs nominations for

- churchwardens
- Deanery Synod representatives
- PCC members
- sidespeople

Nomination forms are at the back of the church.

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.

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.

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

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY and LENT BOXES Please return any boxes remaining as soon as possible.

THE FUNERAL OF BRUCE ALEXANDER will be Wednesday 26th in church at 11 am.

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