



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

EASTER 4

Sunday 7 May 2017

A warm welcome to our services today.

At 9.30 am there is our First Sunday of the Month Eucharist; Fr Geoff celebrates and the children lead the intercessions. There is an all-age presentation.

Hymns are on a separate leaflet

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: The Parish of Thorley in our Diocese
The Diocese of Ndokwa in Nigeria, .David Abiosa its Bishop and
all its People.

The USPG-supported work of the Diocese of the Amazon in
protecting young people.

The World: People with memory problems.

The people of Gaza.

Our police, ambulance and fire service.

The Community and Parish: Newly elected councillors.

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

EU citizens living 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
Hinchev, 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 God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:

raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Acts 2: 42-end (Contemporary English Version)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

They spent their time learning from the apostles, and they were like family to each other. They also broke bread and prayed together.

Everyone was amazed by the many miracles and wonders that the apostles performed. All the Lord's followers met together, and they shared everything they had. They would sell their property and possessions and give the money to whoever needed it. Day after day they met together in the Temple. They broke bread together in different homes, and shared their food happily and freely, while praising God. Everyone liked them, and each day the Lord added to their group others who were being saved.

This is the word of the Lord

GOSPEL John 10.1–10

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

Jesus said to the Pharisees:

- 1 'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by
the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit.
- 2 The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep.
- 3 The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice.
He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.
- 4 When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the
sheep follow him because they know his voice.
- 5 They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because
they do not know the voice of strangers.'
- 6 Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not
understand what he was saying to them.
- 7 So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for
the sheep.
- 8 All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did
not listen to them.
- 9 I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in
and go out and find pasture.
- 10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they
may have life, and have it abundantly.'

THIS WEEK

Mon	8	May	Toddlers' Group	10 – 11.30am
Tue	9	May	(Post Natal Class (Choir Vestry)	11.15 – 12.15pm)
Wed	10	May	Food Bank	10.00am – 12 noon
			Coffee	10.30am – 12 noon
			Service at Home Manor	2.30pm
Thu	11	May	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			St Anthony's	morning
			Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
Sun	14	May	<u>EASTER 5</u>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST	9.30am
			(President: Fr Geoff and Preacher: Martin Heath)	
			Children's Church in Littlebury Hall	
			(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church	1.00 – 5.00pm)
			Evening Prayer	6.00pm

NOTICES

PEOPLE ARE NEEDED to serve on our PCC Committees, Finance, Social, Mission, Estates. Please sign up on lists at the back of Church if you can help

ELECTORAL ROLL: The Electoral Roll as revised 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.

SWORD for May is available. Please collect your copy.

THE BRING-AND-BUY Sale on Sunday, 30 April, raised £55 for Church funds. Thank you to all who contributed.

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK: 14-21 May. See Vicki Matthews' note in Sword. Envelopes for your gifts are at the back of the church.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY There will be a speaker from the Children's Society at the 9.30 Service on Sunday, 21 May 2017.

CELEBRATION 2017 - 29 May 2017 in the Multi Cultural Community Centre and St Michael's Church.