



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

LENT 5

PASSION SUNDAY

18 March 2018

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist Fr George celebrates and preaches. Sylvia Moring leads the intercessions.

Hymns: 95, 108, 96 and 54

Setting: Thorne

Children's Church in Littlebury Hall.

Please stay on to join us after the service to say farewell to Kristine and Paul Jenkins.

Evening Prayer at 6.00 pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Parish of Bourne End in our Diocese.
The Anglican Church in Hong Kong, Paul Kwong the Bishop,
and all the people.
USPG-supported water and sanitation work by the Church of Myanmar.

The World: All who do not have access to clean water and safe sewerage.
The success of World Water Day in making people aware.
All who act as chaplains to different parts of the community.

The Community and Parish: Our PCC members.
Preparations for Watford Celebration.
St Anthony's School.

The Ill and the Housebound: Especially Christopher Bilson, Peter Coley, Marion Craddock-Jones, Kate Dickinson, Audrey Dixon, Cynthia Dixon, Sister Dominic, Claire Dunning, Jemima Hill, Peter Hinchey, Blossom Hutchinson, Mary Kearns, Lesley Kinch, Loretta Lynch, Dorcas Ochola, Brian O'Riordan, Michele Rodford, Christina Simon, Mark Simon, Peter White; and all who care for them.

The Departed:

Collect

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory;
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 Jeremiah 31.31–34

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

- ³¹ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah.
- ³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt – a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD.
- ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.
- ³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

SECOND READING Hebrews 5.5–10

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

- ⁵ Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, ‘You are my Son, today I have begotten you’;
- ⁶ as he says also in another place, ‘You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.’
- ⁷ In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.
- ⁸ Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered;
- ⁹ and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him,
- ¹⁰ having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

GOSPEL John 12.20–33

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

²⁰ Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks.

²¹ They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, ‘Sir, we wish to see Jesus.’

²² Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.

²³ Jesus answered them, ‘The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

²⁴ Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

²⁵ Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

²⁷ ‘Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say – “Father, save me from this hour”? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour.

²⁸ Father, glorify your name.’ Then a voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’

²⁹ The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, ‘An angel has spoken to him.’

³⁰ Jesus answered, ‘This voice has come for your sake, not for mine.

³¹ Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out.

³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.’

³³ He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

THIS WEEK

Mon	19	Mar	Toddlers' Group	10 – 11.30am
			Social Committee	11.00am
			Lent Group (at Trinity Methodist Church)	2.30pm
Wed	21	Mar	Food Bank	10.00am – 12 noon
			Coffee in Church	10.30am – 12 noon
			PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL	7.25pm
Thur	22	Mar	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
Fri	23	Mar	St Anthony's School Retreat Day	8.30am – 3.30pm
Sun	25	Mar	<u>PALM SUNDAY</u>	
			<i>(British Summer Time begins – put clocks forward one hour)</i>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST: President: Fr Geoff	9.30am
			Liturgy of the Passion according to St Mark;	
			Children's Church in Littlebury Hall	
			followed by a Bring-&-Buy Sale	
			Evening Prayer	6.00pm

NOTICES

ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION: This year's revision commenced on Sunday 11th March, and finishes on Sunday 1st April. A copy of the current Roll is on the notice board at the back of the Church for you to check. If anyone would like their name added to the Roll, please get a form from Fr Geoff, a Churchwarden or Henry or Sylvia Moring. If you have changed your email address or telephone number could you also inform us please. Only persons on the Electoral Roll can vote at the Annual Meeting which will be held on **MONDAY 23 April**.

MAUNDY THURSDAY WATCH If you are able to take part for an hour or more at the Maundy Watch on 29/30th March, please sign the list on the desk by the Mildred Avenue door.

FEET WASHING on Maundy Thursday. Please see Fr Geoff if you are willing to volunteer for this.

AGAPE: Tuesday 27th March. A service of the Eucharist within the context of a meal in commemoration of the Last Supper. Please arrive about 6:45. Everything will be explained as we share a meal together (casseroles and jacket potatoes). Tickets £6:00 available from members of the Social Committee.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to read on Palm Sunday and during Holy Week. Please see Elizabeth Watkin or lists at back of Church.

LENT COLLECTING BOXES FOR MISSION: The boxes will be collected on Easter Day (1st April).

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES: Please return as soon as possible if you still have one. Thank you.