



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

PALM SUNDAY
25 March 2018

A warm welcome to everyone to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist, Fr Geoff celebrates and Vicki Matthews leads the intercessions. We all meet outside the main west door for the beginning of the Palm procession.

There is a special service booklet.

Hymns: 433, 128 (both in Service booklet), 124, 279 and 127

Setting: Thorne

Children's Church in Littlebury Hall.

Coffee and tea will be served in church after the 9.30 service and there will be a Bring-&-Buy Sale – please stay on.

Evening Prayer at 6.00 pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Parish of St Michael and All Angels Sunnyside.
The Anglican Church in Jerusalem, Suheil Dawani Archbishop, and all the people.

The World: The work of Anglican Churches promoting fair access to energy.
The peace of Jerusalem the Holy Land, and the wider Middle East.
All whose livelihoods are threatened with redundancy.
Island communities across the world, especially those threatened by rising sea levels.

The Community and Parish: A prayerful and meaningful Holy Week for everyone at St Michael's.
Our local Jewish people and their synagogues.
All visitors to St Michael's during Holy Week and Easter.

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, 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: Irma Hall.

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 Mark.

PRINCIPAL HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES 2018

Monday & Wednesday – 26, 28 March

8.00 pm Holy Week Communion in the Lady Chapel

Tuesday 27 March

6.45 for 7.00 pm Agape Meal and Eucharist

Maundy Thursday – 29 March

10.00 am Eucharist

8.00 pm Sung Eucharist of the Last Supper with Washing of Feet

Stripping of the Altars

followed by Maundy Watch overnight

Good Friday – 30 March

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

Holy Saturday – 31 March

9.00 pm Service of Light

Easter Day – 1 April

8.00 am Holy Communion

9.30 am Parish Family Eucharist for Easter Day with Blessing of Easter Garden

6.00 pm Evening Prayer



THIS WEEK

Principal service times for this week are on the inside page

Mon	26	Mar	Toddlers' Group	10 – 11.30am
			Holy Week Eucharist	8.00pm
Tue	27	Mar	AGAPE	6.45 for 7.00pm
Wed	28	Mar	Food Bank	10.00am – 12 noon
			Coffee in Church	10.30am – 12 noon
			Holy Week Eucharist	8.00pm
Thur	29	Mar	<u>MAUNDY THURSDAY</u> (see inside)	
Fri	30	Mar	<u>GOOD FRIDAY</u> (see inside)	
Sat	31	Mar	<u>EASTER EVE</u> (see inside)	
Sun	1	Apr	<u>EASTER DAY</u> (see inside)	

NOTICES

ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION: This year's revision commenced on Sunday 11th March, and finishes next 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 6:45pm. 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 during Holy Week. Please see Elizabeth Watkin or lists at back of Church.

GARDEN OF PEACE: This will be formally opened in Cassiobury Park by Mayor Dorothy Thornhill on Thursday, 29 March, at 11 am. Everyone is welcome to attend the ceremony.

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.