



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT
3 March 2019

Welcome to our services today.

There is our monthly "First Sunday of the Month Service" at 9.30 am. Fr Geoff celebrates and there will be an All-age Presentation. The children lead the intercessions.

Hymns: 563, 248, 414 and 396

Setting: Thorne

Refreshments 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 St Paul, Bedford, in our Diocese.
The Anglican Church of Chile, Hector Zavala Munoz its Primate
and all its People.

Those who lead Emmaus, Alpha and Pilgrim Courses.

The World: The work of the Churches of North and South India helping the
poor and powerless.

People vulnerable to self-harm.

People suffering from deafness.

The Community and Parish: Our keeping of Lent.

Residents and Staff at River Court and Amberside Homes.

Our Food Bank volunteers and clients.

The Ill and the Housebound: Especially Christopher Bilson, Fr John Brown,
Juliette Cottam, Marion Craddock-Jones, Audrey Dixon, Cynthia
Dixon, Claire Dunning, Fr Robert Featherstone, Jemima Hill,
Peter Hinchey, Mary Kearns, Lesley Kinch, Loretta Lynch, Craig
McKay, Lisa Mills, Sylvia Obeng, Dorcas Ochola, Martin
Ranson, Christina Simon, Mark Simon, Malcolm Talbot, Baby
Adelaide Tonkin, Peter White; and all who care for them.

The Departed:

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Collect

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross:

give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and for ever.

FIRST READING Genesis 2: 18-23

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

Then the Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to live alone. I will make a suitable companion to help him."

So he took some soil from the ground and formed all the animals and all the birds. Then he brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and that is how they all got their names.

So the man named all the birds and all the animals; but not one of them was a suitable companion to help him.

Then the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep, and while he was sleeping, he took out one of the man's ribs and closed up the flesh.

He formed a woman out of the rib and brought her to him.

Then the man said, "At last, here is one of my own kind - Bone taken from my bone, and flesh from my flesh.

This is the Word of the Lord

GOSPEL Luke 9.28–36

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

- ²⁸ Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray.
- ²⁹ And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white.
- ³⁰ Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him.
- ³¹ They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.
- ³² Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him.
- ³³ Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, ‘Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.’ Peter did not know what he said.
- ³⁴ While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud.
- ³⁵ Then from the cloud came a voice that said, ‘This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!’
- ³⁶ When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And the disciples kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

THIS WEEK

Mon	4	Mar	Toddlers' Group	10.00 – 11.30am
Tue	5	Mar	<i>Shrove Tuesday</i>	
			Service at River Court	2.30pm
			Pancakes followed by Compline	6.30pm
Wed	6	Mar	ASH WEDNESDAY	
			Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes	10.00am
			Food Bank	10.00am – 12 noon
			Coffee in Church	10.30am – 12 noon
			Parish Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes	8.00pm
Thur	7	Mar	Holy Communion	10.00am
Sun	10	Mar	<u>LENT 1</u>	
			Holy Communion	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST (Pres and preacher: Fr George)	9.30am
			(Children's Church in Littlebury Hall)	
			(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church)	1.00-5.00pm)
			Evening Prayer	6.00pm)

NOTICES

LENT GROUPS will take place on Mondays 11th, 18th, 25th March, 1st and 8th April, at 2.30 pm in the Choir Vestry. The subject is Prayer, the Bible and Daily Life. Please sign up on the list at the back of Church. If you would like there to be an evening group, let Fr Geoff know

SIMNEL CAKES: It is our custom to serve slices of simnel cake after the 9.30 am service on Mothering Sunday (31 March). If you are able to make a simnel cake for this occasion please let Iola Bilson or Sylvia Moring know.

LENT COLLECTING BOXES FOR CHURCH ARMY: Collecting boxes for Church members to use during Lent are at the back of the church. The boxes will be collected on Easter Day (21st April).

LAST SUNDAY'S BRING-&-BUY SALE raised £33. Many thanks.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Lent Lunch 23 March served by St Michael's Brownies: Sale at 11.30 am; Lunch of homemade soup and bread and cheese from 12 noon to 1.30 pm. Proceeds to mission. All welcome

Mothering Sunday 31 March: Service at 9.30 am.

Annual Meetings: Wednesday 24 April, 7 pm