



# THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

*St Michael and All Angels*

Watford

**PALM SUNDAY**  
**14 April 2019**

A warm welcome to everyone to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist, Fr Geoff celebrates and Sylvia Moring 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), 122, 601 and 108

Children's Church in Littlebury Hall.

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

Evening Prayer at 6.00 pm.

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## **For your prayers this week:**

**The Church:** The Parish of Sandy in our Diocese.  
Suheil Dawani, Archbishop in Jerusalem and all the people of his Church.

All street angels and street pastors.

**The World:** Work supporting abused women in India.

People unjustly imprisoned or persecuted.

People especially vulnerable to climate change.

**The Community and Parish:** People not able to attend our Holy Week and Easter Services.

The work of New Hope with homeless people and rough sleepers.

Our Jewish friends and neighbours.

**The Ill and the Housebound:** Especially Christopher Bilson, 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, Michelle Rodford, 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 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 Luke.*

# **PRINCIPAL HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES 2019**

## **Monday & Wednesday – 15, 17 April**

8.00 pm Holy Week Communion in the Lady Chapel

## **Tuesday 16 April**

6.45 for 7.00 pm Agape Meal and Eucharist

## **Maundy Thursday – 18 April**

10.00 am Eucharist

11.00am – 2.00pm Children's Stations of the Cross

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

Stripping of the Altars

followed by Maundy Watch overnight

## **Good Friday – 19 April**

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 – 20 April**

9.00 pm Service of Light

## **Easter Day – 21 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	15	Apr	Toddlers' Group	10 – 11.30am
			Holy Week Eucharist	8.00pm
Tue	16	Apr	AGAPE	6.45 for 7.00pm
Wed	17	Apr	Food Bank and Coffee in Church	10.00am – 12 noon
			Holy Week Eucharist	8.00pm
Thur	18	Apr	<u>MAUNDY THURSDAY</u> (see inside)	
Fri	19	Apr	<u>GOOD FRIDAY</u> (see inside)	
Sat	20	Apr	<u>EASTER EVE</u> (see inside)	
Sun	21	Apr	<u>EASTER DAY</u> (see inside)	

## **NOTICES**

THE NEW ELECTORAL ROLL is on display at the back of Church for inspection. If there are any errors, please let us know. No more names can be added at this stage unless a form was handed in on or before 27th March, but names can be added after the Annual Meetings. There are envelopes at the back of Church for all those whose names appear on the New Roll.

P.C.C.: There are several vacancies that need to be filled. We shall be coming to seek your help! *Elizabeth and Gillian.*

MAUNDY THURSDAY WATCH If you are able to take part for an hour or more at the Maundy Watch on 18/19th April, please sign the list on the desk by the Mildred Avenue door.

CHILDREN'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS - On Maundy Thursday, 18th April, please join us in church, however old you are, to "Walk with Jesus" as we explore the Stations of the Cross through art, craft, songs and stories. Bring a packed lunch and be ready for fun 11.00 - 14.00.

CONCERT: We are thinking about inviting the Gwalia Choir, a Welsh Male Voice choir, to come and perform for us in December. We would like to make this a fundraising event. So first of all, we would like to know if you would support this concert, and, if you would be able to bring friends and family to help with the sale of tickets. Please talk to Fr Geoff, Elizabeth, Iola and Valerie B with your ideas.

Please bring LENT COLLECTING BOXES FOR MISSION and CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES: on Easter Day (21st April). Thank you.

### ADVANCE NOTICE

Wednesday 24 April – Annual Meetings

7.00pm Holy Communion

7.45pm Annual Vestry Meeting

8.00pm Annual Parochial Church Meeting