



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

EASTER DAY
21 April 2019

A very Happy Easter to everyone and a warm welcome to our services today. At the 9.30 am Eucharist the Easter Garden is blessed, Fr Geoff celebrates and preaches; Valerie Alvarez leads the intercessions. (No Children's Church)

Hymns: 147 (Processional hymn), 153, 161 and 157

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 people of Paris, of France, and the people of Notre Dame Cathedral.

Christians across the world celebrating Easter.

Christian leaders giving Easter messages.

The World: World Peace.

People in hospital at Easter.

All separated or estranged families.

The Community and Parish: Families reuniting for Easter.

Lonely people at Easter.

Homeless people, and people needing the Food Bank over Easter.

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:

Collect

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity.

FIRST READING Acts 10.34–43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

³⁴ Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality,
³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.
³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all.
³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced:
³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.
³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree;
⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear,
⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.
⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead.
⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

SECOND READING I Corinthians 15.19–26

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

¹⁹ If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.
²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.
²¹ For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being;
²² for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ.

- 23 But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.
- 24 Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power.
- 25 For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.
- 26 The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

GOSPEL John 20.1-18

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

- 1 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb.
- 2 So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.'
- 3 Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb.
- 4 The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first.
- 5 He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in.
- 6 Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there,
- 7 and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself.
- 8 Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed;
- 9 for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.
- 10 Then the disciples returned to their homes.
- 11 But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb;
- 12 and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet.
- 13 They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.'
- 14 When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus.
- 15 Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.'
- 16 Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher).
- 17 Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."'
- 18 Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

THIS WEEK

Mon	22	Apr	<i>Bank Holiday</i> NO Toddlers' Group	
Tue	23	Apr	<i>St George's Day</i>	
Wed	24	Apr	Food Bank and Coffee in Church Holy Communion Annual Vestry Meeting (Littlebury Hall) Annual Parochial Church Meeting	10.00am – 12 noon 7.00pm 7.45pm 8.00pm
Thur	25	Apr	Holy Communion	10.00am
Sun	28	Apr	<u>EASTER 2</u> Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff) SUNG EUCHARIST (President and Preacher: Fr Geoff) Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church Evening Prayer	8.00am 9.30am 1.00 – 5.00pm 6.00pm

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.*

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.

LENT COLLECTING BOXES FOR MISSION and the CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES: The boxes will be collected today, Easter Day.