



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

EASTER 3
5 May 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: 161, 598 (t.1), 308 and 622

Holy Baptism at 1.00 pm

(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church 2.00 pm – 5.30 pm)

Evening Prayer at 6.00 pm.

Setting up for Watford Celebration 7.00 pm – 9.00 pm

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Parish of Standon (Bishop’s Stortford) in our Diocese.
The Anglican Church of Kenya, Jackson Ole Sapit its Primate, and all its people.

The USPG-supported Bollobhpur Hospital in Bangladesh.

The World: The work of Christian Aid Partners in Honduras.

People living with disabilities.

Our emergency services.

The Community and Parish: All who will attend Celebration 2019.

Staff and Residents at River Court, Home Manor and St Anthonys.

Our Borough and County Councillors.

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, Baby Adelaide Tonkin, Peter White; and all who care for them.

The Departed:

Collect

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord:

give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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 Acts 9.1–6 (Good News Version)

In the meantime Saul kept up his violent threats of murder against the followers of the Lord. He went to the High Priest and asked for letters of introduction to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he should find there any followers of the Way of the Lord, he would be able to arrest them, both men and women, and bring them back to Jerusalem.

As Saul was coming near the city of Damascus, suddenly a light from the sky flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul! Why do you persecute me?"

"Who are you, Lord?" he asked. "I am Jesus, whom you persecute," the voice said. "But get up and go into the city, where you will be told what you must do."

This is the Word of the Lord

SECOND READING Revelation 5.11–14

A reading from the book of Revelation.

- ¹¹ I, John, looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands,
- ¹² singing with full voice, 'Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!'
- ¹³ Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, 'To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might for ever and ever!'
- ¹⁴ And the four living creatures said, 'Amen!' And the elders fell down and worshipped.

GOSPEL John 21.1-19

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

- ¹ Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way.
- ² Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples.
- ³ Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.
- ⁴ Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.
- ⁵ Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.'
- ⁶ He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish.
- ⁷ That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake.
- ⁸ But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.
- ⁹ When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread.
- ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.'
- ¹¹ So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn.
- ¹² Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord.
- ¹³ Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.
- ¹⁴ This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.
- ¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.'
- ¹⁶ A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.'
- ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.'
- ¹⁸ Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.'
- ¹⁹ He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God. After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

THIS WEEK

Mon	6	May	<i>Early May Bank Holiday</i> NO Toddlers' Group	
Tue	7	May	Service at River Court	2.30pm
Wed	8	May	Food Bank and Coffee in Church Service at Home Manor	10.00am – 12 noon 2.30pm
Thur	9	May	Holy Communion Communion at St Anthony's	10.00am 11.00am
Sun	12	May	<u>EASTER 4</u> Start of Christian Aid Week Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George) SUNG EUCHARIST (President: Fr Geoff) There is a speaker from USPG Children's Church in Littlebury Hall (Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church) Evening Prayer	9.30am 1.00-5.00pm 6.00pm

NOTICES

WATFORD CELEBRATION 2019 will be tomorrow Monday May 6th, 11.0am-4.0pm, a great occasion celebrating Watford's rich diversity of cultures, faiths and talents. This will be held in the MCCC, St Michael's Church and Littlebury Hall with free entry. The event will include Music, Dance, International Food, Sacred Space, Kids' Activities and Model Railway.

LAST SUNDAY'S BRING-&-BUY SALE raised £32.50 for Church funds. Many thanks.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES and LENT COLLECTING BOXES: Please return the boxes and their contents to church as soon as possible.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 12 - 18 May: We do not do street collections but are aware of the very vital work that Christian Aid does throughout the world. Have a look at their magazine on the south wall and/or their website. Soon posters will be up and envelopes available to be filled. Whatever your donation it will be greatly appreciated. Thank you. Vicki.