



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

EASTER 4
12 May 2019

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist Fr Geoff celebrates and there is a speaker from USPG. Martin Heath leads the intercessions.

Hymns: 160, 478, 599 and 453.

Setting: Thorne

Children's Church in Littlebury Hall.

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

(The Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church 1.00 – 5.00 pm)

Evening Prayer at 6.00 pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Parish of Baldock in our Diocese.
The Anglican Church of Korea, Moses Nagjun Yoo, its Primate, and all its people.
Clergy, ordinands and church workers on placement with USPG in the World Church.

The World: Support for Christian Aid Week.
People living with food allergies.
People living with deafness.

The Community and Parish: Our PCC members.
Watford Deanery Synod.

Residents and Staff at the Chase Care Centre.

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

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Acts 9.36–43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

- 36 In Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity.
- 37 At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs.
- 38 Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.'
- 39 So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them.
- 40 Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up.
- 41 He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive.
- 42 This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.
- 43 Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

SECOND READING Revelation 7.9–17

A reading from the book of Revelation.

- 9 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.
- 10 They cried out in a loud voice, saying 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!'

- 11 And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God,
12 singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'
13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?'
14 I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
15 For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
16 They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;
17 for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

GOSPEL John 10.22–30

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

- 22 At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter,
23 and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon.
24 So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.'
25 Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me;
26 but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep.
27 My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me.
28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand.
29 What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand.
30 The Father and I are one.'

THIS WEEK

Mon	13	May	Toddlers' Group	10 – 11.30am
Wed	15	May	Food Bank and Coffee in Church	10.00am – 12 noon
			PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL	7.25pm
Thur	16	May	NO Holy Communion at 10.00am	
Sun	19	May	<u>EASTER 5</u>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST (Pres and preacher: Fr Geoff)	9.30am
			Children's Church in Littlebury Hall	
			Evening Prayer	6.00pm

NOTICES

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.

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. There are posters and envelopes available to be filled. Whatever your donation it will be greatly appreciated. Thank you. Vicki.