



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

EASTER 6
26 May 2019

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist Fr George celebrates and preaches. Vicki Matthews leads the intercessions.

Hymns: 400, 174, 442 and 449.

Children's Church in Littlebury Hall.

Coffee and tea will be served in church after the 9.30 service and there will be a Bring-&-Buy Sale – please stay on.

(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church 1.00pm – 10.00pm)

Evening Prayer in Littlebury Hall at 6.00 pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Parish of Reed and Buckland in our Diocese.
All members of the Anglican Communion.
The Anglican Consultative Council.

The World: The Community Integrated Intervention Project of the Anglican Council of Malawi.
Needy people helped by Church Army's Aberdeen Centre of Mission.
The work of Churches in disease prevention across the world.

The Community and Parish: The Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church's AGM.
Our home communicants.
The people who look after our buildings and grounds.

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

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy;
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 16.9–15

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

- ⁹ During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.'
- ¹⁰ When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.
- ¹¹ We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis,
- ¹² and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days.
- ¹³ On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there.
- ¹⁴ A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul.
- ¹⁵ When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

SECOND READING Revelation 21.10, 22 – 22.5

A reading from the book of Revelation.

- ¹⁰ In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.
- ²² I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb.
- ²³ And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb.

24 The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their
glory into it.
25 Its gates will never be shut by day – and there will be no night there.
26 People will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations.
27 But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practises abomination or
falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s book of life.
1 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal,
flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb
2 through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is
the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month;
and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.
3 Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and
of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him;
4 they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.
5 And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the
Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

GOSPEL John 14.23–29

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

Jesus said to his disciples:

23 ‘Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and
we will come to them and make our home with them.
24 Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that
you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.
25 I have said these things to you while I am still with you.
26 But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name,
will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you.
27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the
world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be
afraid.
28 You heard me say to you, “I am going away, and I am coming to you.” If
you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the
Father is greater than I.
29 And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur,
you may believe.’

THIS WEEK

Mon	27	May	<i>Spring Bank Holiday</i> NO Toddlers' Group	
Wed	29	May	Food Bank and Coffee in Church	10.00am – 12 noon
Thur	30	May	<i>ASCENSION DAY</i> Holy Communion	10.00am
			Estates Committee	3.00pm
			Sung Eucharist	8.00pm
Sun	2	June	<u>EASTER 7</u> NO Holy Communion at 8.00am this Sunday FIRST SUNDAY of MONTH SUNG EUCHARIST	9.30am
			(Pres: Rev Jonathan Beach) Followed by refreshments NO Evening Prayer until September	

NOTICES

PAUL CHANDLER IN THE CHOIR AND HIS DAUGHTER REBECCA WILL BE TREKKING 26 MILES AROUND LONDON on 1st June in support of Alzheimer's Society. If you'd like to make a donation you can do so via www.justgiving.com/fundraising/paulandrebecca2019 or by speaking to Paul in person. Paul, Rebecca and family are very grateful for all the generous support already received from their friends at St. Michael's.

FINAL COPY DATE FOR THE JUNE SWORD is MIDDAY today, Sunday, 26 May. Hard copy to Rob White or email to swordparishmagazine@googlemail.com.

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