



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

EASTER 7
SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION
2 June 2019

A warm welcome to our services today.

There is our monthly "First Sunday of the Month Service" at 9.30 am. We welcome the Rev Jonathan Beach as Celebrant. The children lead the intercessions.

Hymns: 401, 167, 376 and 278.

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

NO Evening Prayer today.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: Fr George and all Chaplains within Medical Establishments; all who offer spiritual care and support in our hospitals, hospices and homes.

For all those facing an uncertain future, patients as their illness progresses and staff at a time of change and uncertainty.

La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico; Francisco Moreno - Presiding Bishop of La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico & Bishop of Northern Mexico.

The World: Newly elected MEPs.

The Alzheimer's Society: the help they provide to local people suffering with dementia and to their families.

The Community and Parish: .

Volunteers Week which is celebrated between 1st and 7th June in the UK every year.

All who give of themselves, their time and talents as volunteers.

Fr Geoff as he commences his sabbatical.

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: Bethan Morgan (aunt of Iola Bilson).

Collect

O God the king of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Acts 16.16–34 (Good News Bible)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was a violent earthquake, which shook the prison to its foundations.

At once all the doors opened, and the chains fell off all the prisoners. The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he thought that the prisoners had escaped; but Paul shouted at the top of his voice, "We are all here!"

The jailer called for a light, rushed in, and fell trembling at the feet of Paul and Silas. Then he led them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved - you and your family."

Then they preached the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in the house. At that very hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; and he and all his family were baptized at once.

Then he took Paul and Silas up into his house and gave them some food to eat. He and his family were filled with joy, because they now believed in God.

This is the word of the Lord.

GOSPEL John 17.20–26

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

- Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed: ‘Holy Father,
20 I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will
believe in me through their word,
21 that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you,
may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have
sent me.
22 The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may
be one, as we are one,
23 I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so
that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them
even as you have loved me.
24 Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be
with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me
because you loved me before the foundation of the world.
25 Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you;
and these know that you have sent me.
26 I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that
the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in
them.’

THIS WEEK

Mon	3	June	Toddlers' Group	10 – 11.30am
Wed	5	June	Food Bank and Coffee in Church	10.00am – 12 noon
Sat	8	June	(Party in church	2.00 – 5.00pm)
Sun	9	June	<u>PENTECOST</u>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST	9.30am
			President and Preacher: :Rev'd Tim Bull	
			(Diocesan Director of Ministry)	
			Children's Church in Littlebury Hall	
			(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church	1.00pm – 5.00pm)
			NO Evening Prayer until September	

NOTICES

LESLEY KINCH is having a Harry Potter themed party at St Michael's Church on Saturday June 8th between 2pm - 5pm. She very much hopes that as many of her St Michael's family as possible can join her. There will be a finger buffet, non-alcoholic drinks and other surprises including a tombola with proceeds going to charity. Please rsvp to Jane Talbot either on 07779122421 or by email halvesentence@icloud.com. This is very important for catering purposes.

SERVICES DURING Fr GEOFF'S SABBATICAL: there will not be Holy Communion Services at 10 am on Thursday mornings nor Evening Prayer on Sundays. The Holy Communion service at 8 am on Sunday mornings will be held on alternate weeks from 9th June

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