



# THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

*St Michael and All Angels*

Watford

**EASTER 6**  
**6 May 2018**

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Service Fr Geoff celebrates and there will be a Presentation by the children.

**Hymns: 175, 143 (t2). 585 and 57**

**Setting: Thorne**

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

(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church 1.00 - 5.00pm)

Evening Prayer at 6.00 pm.

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## **For your prayers this week:**

**The Church:** The Parish of Stocking Pelham in our Diocese.  
The Anglican Church of Kenya, Jackson Ole Sapit, its Archbishop and all its people.  
The Anglican Church in Sierra Leone.

**The World:** People with eating disorders.  
Safety for people travelling on the Bank Holiday.  
People who work in the Tourism Industry.

**The Community and Parish:** All who will attend Celebration 2018.  
The new Mayor of Watford.  
Newly elected local councillors.

**The Ill and the Housebound:** Especially Christopher Bilson, Peter Coley, Marion Craddock-Jones, Kate Dickinson, Audrey Dixon, Cynthia Dixon, Sister Dominic, Claire Dunning, Jemima Hill, Peter Hinchey, Mary Kearns, Lesley Kinch, Loretta Lynch, Dorcas Ochola, Brian O'Riordan, Michele Rodford, Christina Simon, Mark Simon, Peter White; and all who care for them.

**The Departed:** Evelyn Sweetman (aunt of Jean Alexander).

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**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 10.44–48**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

<sup>44</sup> While Peter was speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word.

<sup>45</sup> The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles,

<sup>46</sup> for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said,

<sup>47</sup> ‘Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?’

<sup>48</sup> So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

**SECOND READING I John 5.1–6**

A reading from the first letter of John.

<sup>1</sup> Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child.

<sup>2</sup> By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments.

<sup>3</sup> For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome,

- 4 for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith.
- 5 Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?
- 6 This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

## **GOSPEL John 15.9–17**

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

Jesus said to his disciples:

- 9 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love.
- 10 If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.
- 11 I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.
- 12 This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.
- 13 No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.
- 14 You are my friends if you do what I command you.
- 15 I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.
- 16 You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name.
- 17 I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

## THIS WEEK

Mon	7	Apr	<i>Bank Holiday</i> NO Toddlers' Group WATFORD CELEBRATION 2018	
Wed	9	May	Food Bank Coffee in Church Service at Home Manor	10.00am – 12 noon 10.30am – 12 noon 2.30pm
Thur	10	May	<i>ASCENSION DAY</i> Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language) St Anthony's Eucharist	10.00am morning 8.00pm
Sun	13	May	<b><u>EASTER 7</u></b> <i>Start of Christian Aid Week</i> Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff) <b>SUNG EUCHARIST</b> (President and Preacher: Fr Geoff) including Dedication of the Parochial Church Council (Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church) Evening Prayer	8.00am <b>9.30am</b> 1.00 – 5.00pm) 6.00pm

## NOTICES

WATFORD CELEBRATION 2018 will be tomorrow, Monday May 7<sup>th</sup>, 11.0am-4.0pm, a great occasion celebrating Watford's rich diversity of cultures, faiths and talents. Any help making refreshments or helping will be very welcome. Please see Gill Heath. Yellow Celebration fliers at back of church or from Fr. Geoff.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK: Next week: 13-20 May. See Vicki Matthews' note in Sword. Envelopes for your gifts are at the back of the church.

PEOPLE ARE NEEDED to serve on our PCC Committees, Finance, Social, Mission, Estates. Please sign up on lists at the back of Church if you can help

SWORD for May is available. Please collect your copy.

### CONCERT COMING UP – “A CELEBRATION OF SONG”

St Michael and All Angels Church  
in conjunction with Watford Peace Hospice present a Charity Benefit Concert:

#### **A Celebration of Song**

New Tottenham Singers with contemporary, traditional and sacred music in the church on

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

Followed by CHEESE and BISCUITS (Cash bar also available) Tickets £15.00

Please see Elizabeth Watkin for more details.