



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

PALM SUNDAY
Sunday 1 April 2007

A warm welcome to everyone to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist, Fr John celebrates and Jane Talbot leads the intercessions. A crèche is available.

We all meet outside the main west door for the beginning of the Palm procession.

There is a special service book including the first THREE hymns and the Passion Gospel.

Hymns: 433, 128, 103, 112 and 127 (i, alt)

Setting: Oldroyd

Coffee and tea will be served in church after the 9.30 service and there will be a sale of Easter cards – please stay on.

United Evening Service at Trinity Methodist Church at 6.30pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Diocese of Jerusalem, Bishop Riah El-Assal.
The Parish of St Mary, Marshalswick; Chris Davey, the Vicar.
Our prayerful attention to the events of the week.

The World: We give thanks for agreement on power sharing in Northern Ireland and pray for determination by its leaders to bring lasting peace.
Peace in Iraq and Afghanistan.
The people of Zimbabwe in these critical times for them.

The Community and Parish: The work of the Watford Schools' Trust.

Those in our community who are far from home.

The Ill and the Housebound: Especially Ray Angles, Alec Bennett, Ellen Benoy, Mel Browne, John Burn, Jennifer Coley, Bill Craddock-Jones, Jean Crouch, June Dickinson, Kate Dickinson, Maureen Elvery, Jocelyn Harewood, Jenny Houghton, Mary Kearns, Loretta Lynch, Maggie Maguire, Stella Meager, Morfa Pope, Myrtle Powell, Mary Pringle, Maureen Swann, June Tatnall, Bill Thorne, Marion Vidal, Bill Widdowson and Anne Wightman.

The Departed:

PALM SUNDAY (LENT 6)

LITURGY OF THE PASSION

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love towards the human race
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross:
grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility,
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;
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. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Isaiah 50.4–9a

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The servant of the LORD said:

- 4 The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to
sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he awakens – wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.
- 5 The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn
backwards.
- 6 I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out
the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.
- 7 The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have
set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
- 8 he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up
together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.
- 9 It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

SECOND READING Philippians 2.5–11

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

- 5 Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as
something to be exploited,
7 but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
8 he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on
a cross.
- 9 Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above
every name,
10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and
under the earth,
11 and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God
the Father.

Today's Gospel is the Passion Narrative According to St Luke and is found in the service booklets.

PRINCIPAL HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES 2007

Maundy Thursday – 5 April

(NO 10 am service)

8.00 pm United Sung Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar
followed by Watch Through the Night

Good Friday – 6 April

12.00 noon – 3.00 pm The Last Three Hours

12-1pm Stations of the Cross

1-2 pm Frugal Lunch in Hall; Meditation & Music in Church

2-3 pm Liturgy

Holy Saturday – 7 April

9.00 pm Easter Eve Ceremonies

Easter Day – 8 April

8.00 am Holy Communion

9.30 am Sung Eucharist & Blessing of Easter Garden

6.30 pm Evensong

Easter Monday - 9 April

The Pilgrimage to St Albans starts from St Michael's at 9.00 am

with prayers in the Lady Chapel



THIS WEEK

Principal service times for this week are on the inside page

Mon	2	Apr	Toddlers' Group	10 – 11.30am
Wed	4	Apr	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
			Bring-&-Share Lunch	12.30pm
			Holy Communion	8.00pm
Thur	5	Apr	<u>MAUNDY THURSDAY</u> (see inside)	
			Fairhaven during morning	
Sat	7	Apr	<u>EASTER EVE</u> (see inside)	
			Easter Workshop (in Church)	2.00 – 4.00pm
Sun	8	Apr	<u>EASTER DAY</u> (see inside)	
			River Court Service	3.00pm
Mon	9	Apr	<u>EASTER MONDAY</u>	
			Pilgrimage to St Albans commences	9.00am

NOTICES

ELECTORAL ROLL: The last date for receipt of forms and for inclusion before the AGM is today **Sunday 1 April**. Church members on the current roll should have been given new forms to complete. If you have not received a form or wish to be added to the roll as a new member, please ask Fr John or Henry or Sylvia Moring for one and ensure it is returned today.

OUR CHURCH WEB SITE is now up and running. Please go to www.stmichaels-watford.org.uk and have a look. If you can contribute any articles which you think should be on our site, please see Andy Benoy or Henry Moring.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER – CAN YOU HELP?

By delivering some Easter Leaflets to local roads? (sign list and take cards)

By volunteering to have your feet washed at the Maundy Thursday Sung Eucharist? (see Vicar)

By signing to keep watch for one hour during the Vigil on Maundy Thursday/Good Friday

By making soup or helping to serve the frugal lunch on Good Friday (see Pat Brown)

By joining the choir for Easter (see Andy Benoy or Pat Beach).

EASTER FLOWERS: If you wish to make a donation towards the Easter flowers please see Fay Storey. If you are able to gift aid your donation please use a small white envelope.

FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS: It has been the custom for many years at Easter-tide to invite you to contribute to the Vicar's miscellaneous expenses. Envelopes for your contribution are available at the doors around the church and can be returned to us (in strictest confidence) or placed in the collection. Many thanks – Phil Gough and Sylvia Moring (Churchwardens).

OUR MONTHLY PARISH WALK is on Saturday 14th April (not 7th). and leaves strictly on time at 10 am from Church. Please sign list if you wish to come.

BRING-&-SHARE LUNCH: Please sign the list for Wednesday 4th April.

A GLOBAL ARMS TRADE TREATY TALK by Brian Wood manager of arms control at Amnesty International: Monday 2nd April 8.00pm at St Mary's Parish Centre.

VISIT of YOUTH CHOIR from COPENHAGEN 27-30 April. Can you kindly offer accommodation? Please sign list at west end if you can.

ON EASTER DAY, Lucy Eccleshall will be holding a cake and jam sale after the 9.30 service. Lucy will be spending a month in Uganda helping to build a school while working for the charity "Soft Power Education". Any money raised from the sale will go to the charity.