



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

EASTER DAY

Sunday 8 April 2007

A warm welcome to our services today and a very happy Easter to you all.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist the Easter Garden is blessed; Fr John celebrates and preaches and Valerie Alvarez leads the intercessions. A crèche is available.

Hymns: 159, 137, 147, 141 (i) and 157.

Setting: Rawsthorne

Refreshments will be served in church after the 9.30 service and Lucy Eccleshall will be holding a cake and jam sale – please stay on.

The River Court service is at 3 pm.

There is evensong in the Lady Chapel at 6.30 pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: All Christians everywhere as we celebrate the Festival of Easter.
The Community of the Resurrection.

The Church in Natal, South Africa: Bishop Rubin Phillip.

The World: We give thanks for the release of the naval personnel by the Iranian government.

Peace in all troubled parts, especially Iraq and Afghanistan.

The French people at this time of Presidential elections.

The Community and Parish: All who will go on pilgrimage tomorrow to St Albans.

Residents of Home Manor House, Cassio Road.

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:

Collect

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity.

FIRST READING Isaiah 65.17–25

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

- ¹⁷ I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.
- ¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice for ever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight.
- ¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress.
- ²⁰ No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.
- ²¹ They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
- ²² They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
- ²³ They shall not labour in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD – and their descendants as well.
- ²⁴ Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear.
- ²⁵ The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent – its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

SECOND READING Acts 10.34–43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

- ³⁴ Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality,

35 but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to
him.
36 You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus
Christ – he is Lord of all.
37 That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism
that John announced:
38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how
he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for
God was with him.
39 We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him
to death by hanging him on a tree;
40 but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear,
41 not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who
ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.
42 He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one
ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead.
43 All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives
forgiveness of sins through his name.’

GOSPEL Luke 24.1–12

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

1 On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had accompanied
Jesus came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared.
2 They found the stone rolled away from the tomb,
3 but when they went in, they did not find the body.
4 While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes
stood beside them.
5 The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men
said to them, ‘Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here,
but has risen.
6 Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee,
7 that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the
third day rise again.’
8 Then they remembered Jesus’ words,
9 and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest.
10 Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other
women with them who told this to the apostles.
11 But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them.
12 But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen
cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

THIS WEEK

Mon	9	Apr	<u>EASTER MONDAY</u> Pilgrimage to St Albans commences	9.00am
Wed	11	Apr	Coffee in Church Service at Home Manor	10.30am-12 noon 2.30pm
Thur	12	Apr	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language) St Anthony's during morning Wedding rehearsal Pause (23 Whippendell Road) Choir Practice	10.00am 6.00pm 7.30pm 7.00 – 8.30pm
Sat	14	Apr	Parish Walk (please sign list) Wedding of Lee Brown and Jane Sturgess	from 10.00am 2.00pm
Sun	15	Apr	<u>EASTER 2</u> Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language) Sung Eucharist 11.15 Service of Thanksgiving and Praise Baptism of Lisa Jeffreys Youth Club Evensong in the Lady Chapel	8.00am 9.30am 11.15am 3.00pm 4.00 – 6.00pm 6.30pm

NOTICES

Fr JOHN, VIOLET and MARTIN wish you all a very happy and joyful Easter!

VERY MANY THANKS to all who contributed to beautifying and preparing the Church for the Festival – all who donated money for flowers, all who arranged them – prepared the Altar of Repose and the Easter Garden. Thank you also to those who arranged and presented the Lenten meditations. Fr John.

EASTER MONDAY PILGRIMAGE: On Monday, please bring appropriate clothes, stout shoes, packed lunch and **train fare back!**

ELECTORAL ROLL: The NEW Electoral Roll is displayed on the notice board. Please check your entry for any errors or omissions and inform the clergy or Henry Moring. If you did not sign a new form in time, additional names can be added any time after the Annual Meetings on 25th April.

NOMINATIONS ARE NEEDED FOR THE PCC. There will also be a vacancy for a new PCC secretary. Forms for nominations are at the back of the church. Please return them to the Vicar or churchwardens. Thank you.

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.

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).

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.