



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

EASTER 3

Sunday 22 April 2007

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist Fr John celebrates and preaches and Pat Brown leads the intercessions. A crèche is available.

Hymns: 143 (ii), 151, 162 and 160

Rawsthorne

Refreshments will be served in church after the 9.30 service – please stay on.

There is evensong in the Lady Chapel at 6.30 pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Church in Canada – David Spence, Bishop of Niagara.
Anglican-Methodist Relations in this Diocese.
For Chaplains for the Forces as they comfort relatives of those
service people killed in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The World: Peace in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Darfur.
The work of Oxfam in Darfur.
Those in Virginia coming to terms with the shootings this week.

The Community and Parish: Our Annual Meetings on Wednesday.
Richard Chewter and the work of the Town Centre Chaplaincy.
The residents and staff of Chase Care 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: Maby Piper (aged 73), The Chase
Jack Fudge (aged 84), Swiss Avenue. For many years faithful
member, and local preacher, of Trinity Methodist Church
Catherine Ross (aged 89), Tremona, Alexandra Road, once of
Croxley Green (Catherine Cockram's mother).

Collect

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord:

give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;

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 Zephaniah 3.14–20

A reading from the book of the prophet Zephaniah.

¹⁴ Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem!

¹⁵ The LORD has taken away the judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more.

¹⁶ On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak.

¹⁷ The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing

¹⁸ as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it.

¹⁹ I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth.

²⁰ At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the LORD.

SECOND READING Acts 9.1–6

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

¹ Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest

² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.

³ Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him.

4 He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?'

5 He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.'

6 But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.'

GOSPEL John 21.1-19

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

1 Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way.

2 Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples.

3 Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

4 Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.

5 Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.'

6 He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish.

7 That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake.

8 But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

9 When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread.

10 Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.'

11 So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn.

12 Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord.

13 Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.

14 This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

15 When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.'

16 A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.'

17 He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.'

18 Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.'

19 He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God. After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

THIS WEEK

Mon	23	Apr	Toddlers' Group	10 – 11.30am
			Chase Care Home Service	3.00pm
Wed	25	Apr	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
			Eucharist	7.00pm
			Annual Vestry Meeting (Littlebury Hall)	7.45pm
			Annual Parochial Church Meeting	8.00pm
Thur	26	Apr	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			Kids' Club	3.30 – 5.00pm
			Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
Fri	27	Apr	Copenhagen Youth Choir arriving	
Sat	28	Apr	Copenhagen Choir in St Albans with evening concert at St Peter's	
Sun	29	Apr	EASTER 4	
			Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	8.00am
			Sung Eucharist (crèche available)	9.30am
			The Copenhagen Youth Choir will be singing at this service	
			The service is followed by a Bring-&-Buy Sale	
			Baptism of Kai William Munday	3.00pm
			Evensong in the Lady Chapel	6.30pm
			Supper and Music in church with Copenhagen Youth Choir	7.30pm

NOTICES

THE VICAR WOULD LIKE TO THANK all those who contributed to the fund towards his miscellaneous expenses.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY: Please return boxes to Norma or Pat Beach as soon as possible.

ELECTORAL ROLL: The NEW Electoral Roll is displayed on the notice board. Please check your entry. If you did not sign a new form in time, additional names can be added any time after the Annual Meetings.

THE ANNUAL MEETINGS are on **Wednesday, 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.

THE FUNERAL of JACK FUDGE is tomorrow - Monday 23rd April - at Trinity Methodist Church, at 10.30am. Anyone wishing to attend will be most welcome.

FINAL COPY DATE FOR THE MAY SWORD is MIDDAY today Sunday, 22 April. Please submit copy before this date if possible. Hard copy, floppy disc or email to DENNIS.H.BEACH@sky.com.

PARISH WALK (5 May) & BRING-&-SHARE LUNCH (2 May) Please sign lists

TOWN CENTRE CHAPLAINCY Celebration Service at Beechen Grove Baptist Church on Thursday, 26 April, at 8 pm – all welcome.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

12 May at 7.30 pm: Orchestral concert in church by Watford Philharmonic Society

13 May 2007 at 11.15: Baptism Renewal Service

19 May 2007: Plant Sale – How are your cuttings and seedlings doing?