



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

EASTER 4

Sunday 29 April 2007

A warm welcome to our services today and a special welcome to the Copenhagen Youth Choir who will join with the St Michael's Choir at the 9.30 am Sung Eucharist. Fr John celebrates, Violet Allen-Smith preaches and Mark Simon leads the intercessions. A crèche is available.

Hymns: 278, 14 (100HFT), 482 and 627 (t227)

Rawsthorne

Refreshments will be served in church after the 9.30 service and there will be a Bring-&-Buy Sale – please stay on.

The Baptism of Kai William Parker is at 3.00pm.

There is evensong in the Lady Chapel at 6.30 pm. This is followed by Supper and Music in Church with the Copenhagen Youth Choir at 7.30pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church:

The Church in Nigeria: The Diocese of Nnewi,
Bishop Godwin Okpala.

Jonathan Ellis, Diocesan World Development Advisor.

The Parish of All Saints, South Oxhey, Pam Wise, Vicar.

The World:

Peace in Iraq, Afghanistan and Darfur.

The people of France at this time of elections.

All who work in the banking industry.

The Community and Parish: Those standing as councillors in local elections.

Pupils, teachers and governors of Watford Girls Grammar School as they celebrate Founders Day on Friday next.

Kai William Parker to be baptised today.

The Ill and the Housebound: Especially Ray Angles, Alec Bennett, Ellen Benoy, Mel Browne, John Burn, Marjorie Carlisle, 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:

Marie Stephenson, in India (Daphne Luck's mother).

Collect

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:

raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Genesis 7.1–5, 11–18; 8.6–18; 9.8–13**SECOND READING Acts 9.36–43**

(to be read in Danish)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

³⁶ In Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity.

³⁷ At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs.

³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.'

³⁹ So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them.

⁴⁰ Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up.

- ⁴¹ He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive.
- ⁴² This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.
- ⁴³ Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

GOSPEL John 10.22–30

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

- ²² At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter,
- ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon.
- ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, ‘How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.’
- ²⁵ Jesus answered, ‘I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me;
- ²⁶ but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep.
- ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me.
- ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand.
- ²⁹ What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand.
- ³⁰ The Father and I are one.’

THIS WEEK

Mon	30	Apr	Toddlers' Group <i>Departure of Copenhagen Youth Choir</i>	10 – 11.30am
Tue	1	May	Intercessory Prayer Group (71 Hempstead Road)	2.30pm
Wed	2	May	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
			Bring-&-Share Lunch	12.30pm
			Meeting for arrangements for Copenhagen trip	8.00pm
Thur	3	May	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			Fairhaven	morning
			Kids Club	3.30 – 5.00pm
			Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
			Living with the Bible (Vestry)	8.00pm
Fri	4	May	(Fr John preaching at Girls' Grammar School Founder's Day Service at St Mary's	11.00am)
Sat	5	May	Parish Walk	depart at 10.00am
Sun	6	May	<u>EASTER 5</u>	
			Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	8.00am
			Sung Eucharist	9.30am
			United Evening Service at St Michael's	6.30pm

NOTICES

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

OUR MONTHLY PARISH WALK is on Saturday 5th May 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 2nd May.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

12 May 2007 at 7.30 pm: Orchestral concert in church by Watford Philharmonic

13 May 2007 at 11.15: Baptism Renewal Service

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

ANNUAL MEETINGS: Full details of the appointment of the churchwardes and members of the PCC are on a noticeboard at the back of the church.

SUNDAY, 6 MAY: The President at both the 8 am and 9.30 services will be the Rev David Tuck. Father John & Pat will be starting a week's holiday on Saturday, 5 May.

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.