



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

EASTER 2 30 March 2008

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist Fr John celebrates, Martin Heath preaches and Mark Simon leads the intercessions. A crèche is available.

Hymns: 143 (2nd tune), 157, 154 and 160

Setting: Wilson

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

At 12.30 pm there is a **baptism** for the Ogilvie-Jones family.

Evensong in the Lady Chapel at 6.30 pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Anglican Church in Korea: Solomon Yoon, Bishop of Busan
David Lawrence-March, Chaplain of Bedford School
The Work of the YMCA.

The World: Peace in Iraq, Afghanistan and the Middle East.
Multi-national organisations – for a sense of justice and fairness
in world trading. Claire Ward, our MP

The Community and Parish: The work of the Samaritans, counselling those
who are suicidal. All who care for the elderly and handicapped in
their own home environment.
Jackson Ogilvie-Jones, baptised today.

The Ill and the Housebound: Especially Ray Angles, Monica Batt, Ellen
Benoy, Mel Browne, John Burn, Marjorie Carlisle, Claire Challis,
Jennifer Coley, Bill Craddock-Jones, Jean Crouch, Ifagaani
Desiderio, June Dickinson, Kate Dickinson, Jocelyn Harewood,
Sarah Heath, Jenny Houghton, Mary Kearns, Lesley Kinch,
Loretta Lynch, Maggie Maguire, Stella Meager, Eva Portas,
Myrtle Powell, Bryony Purse, Ann Reed, Gladys Robertson,
Maureen Swann, June Tatnall, Bill Widdowson, Anne Wightman
and Maureen Williams.

The Departed:

Collect

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification:

grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth;

through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ 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 2.14a, 22–32

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

On the day of Pentecost,

¹⁴ Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd,

²² ‘You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know –

²³ this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law.

²⁴ But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power.

²⁵ For David says concerning him, “I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope.

²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption.

²⁸ You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.”

²⁹ Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.

³⁰ Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne.

³¹ Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, “He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.”

³² This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.’

SECOND READING I Peter 1.3–9

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

4 and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven
for you,
5 who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to
be revealed in the last time.
6 In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various
trials,
7 so that the genuineness of your faith – being more precious than gold that, though
perishable, is tested by fire – may be found to result in praise and glory and honour
when Jesus Christ is revealed.
8 Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see
him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy,
9 for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

GOSPEL John 20.19–31

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

19 When it was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house
where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood
among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’
20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples
rejoiced when they saw the Lord.
21 Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send
you.’
22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy
Spirit.
23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any,
they are retained.’
24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when
Jesus came.
25 So the other disciples told him, ‘We have seen the Lord.’ But he said to them,
‘Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the
nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.’
26 A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them.
Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace
be with you.’
27 Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your
hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.’
28 Thomas answered him, ‘My Lord and my God!’
29 Jesus said to him, ‘Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those
who have not seen and yet have come to believe.’
30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not
written in this book.
31 But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the
Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

THIS WEEK

Mon	31	Mar	Toddlers' Group (Mothers' Union Lady Day Service at Langleybury)	10.00 – 11.30am 2.30pm
Wed	2	Apr	Coffee in Church Bring-&-Share Lunch	10.30am-12 noon 12.30pm
			Bible Study (Acts 21, v.27 -) (Choir Vestry)	8.00pm
Thu	3	Apr	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language) Fairhaven	10.00am morning
			Choir Practice	7.00 - 8.30pm
Sat	5	Apr	Parish Walk	from 10.00am
Sun	6	Apr	<u>EASTER 3</u> Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language) Sung Eucharist (crèche available) Sunday School in Littlebury Hall United Evening Service (venue tba)	8.00am 9.30am 9.30am 6.30pm

NOTICES

ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION: This year's revision commenced on 16th March and finishes on Sunday 6th April. A copy of the current Roll is on the notice board at the back of the Church for you to check. If anyone would like their name added to the Roll, please get a form from the Clergy.

HELP PLEASE! We badly need volunteers to join the rota for Sunday morning crèche (please see Alison Makin), serving coffee (please see Pat Brown) and sidespeople (please see one of the churchwardens).

PLEASE SIGN UP for the monthly Bring-&-Share Lunch on Wednesday 2 April.

PARISH WALK: – Saturday 5 April. Please sign up on the list.

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

8 April An open Deanery Synod meeting at St Luke's Church when Bishop Christopher Herbert will give a talk entitled 'The Image of the Cross' starting at 7.45 pm.

19 April fabulous family music day with the BBC Concert Orchestra out and about in Watford from 11 am. Take one of the leaflets around church to read about the different things that are happening. Please note that several activities (including the one at St Michael's) require entry by ticket which you can get by calling 0871 663 2599.

26 April Radlett Choral Society give a concert in St Michael's starting at 7.30 pm. The programme includes Beethoven's Mass in C and Bach's cantata no 140 – Sleepers Wake. Tickets from Pat and Dennis Beach.