



# THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

*St Michael and All Angels*

Watford

LENT 5 – PASSION SUNDAY

29 March 2009

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist, Rev John Orme celebrates, Martin Heath preaches and Vicki Matthews leads the intercessions. A crèche is available. Sunday School is in Littlebury Hall.

**Hymns: 499 (omit \* vss), 121, 112 and 538 (omit \* vss)**

**Setting: Oldroyd**

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 5.30 pm there will be Tea and Scones served by Martin Heath in church, followed at 6.30 pm by ‘The Way of the Cross’ – A Passion Sequence of Words and Music.

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## **For your prayers this week:**

**The Church:** Stephen Mwangi, Bishop of Nakuru, Kenya.

The Tring Team Ministry.

Anglican Methodist Covenant Relationships in the Diocese.

**The World:**

Peace in all troubled places.

Pilgrims who will wish to visit the Holy Land at this time.

The G20 Summit meeting in London this week.

**The Community and Parish:** Staff and pupils of St Anthony’s Roman Catholic Primary School who visited our church last week.

Watford Schools Trust as they take the Easter message to local schools.

People facing redundancy in the present difficult economic situation.

**The Ill and the Housebound:** Especially Ray Angles, Ellen Benoy, Gunter Bouché,

Christopher Browne, Mel Browne, John Burn, Marjorie Carlisle, Jennifer

Coley, Bill Craddock-Jones, Jean Crouch, June Dickinson, Kate Dickinson,

Simon Fowle, Jocelyn Harewood, Gladys Holloway, Jenny Houghton,

Lionel Jones, Mary Kearns, Lesley Kinch, Loretta Lynch, Maggie Maguire,

Stella Meager, Dorcas Ochola, Gaynor Osbourne, Myrtle Powell, Bryony

Purse, Ann Reed, Gladys Robertson, Elaine Robinson, Pauline Surtees,

Maureen Swann, June Tatnall, Matthew Tigwell, Anne Wightman, Eric

Wightman and Maureen Williams.

**The Departed:** Peter Munday (aged 62), Rosslyn Road.

Dorcas Awinda (friend of Fr George in Kenya).

Tim Brinton.

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**Collect**

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world:

grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory;

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 Jeremiah 31.31–34**

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

- 31 The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah.
- 32 It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt – a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD.
- 33 But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.
- 34 No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

**SECOND READING Hebrews 5.5–10**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

- 5 Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, ‘You are my Son, today I have begotten you’;
- 6 as he says also in another place, ‘You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.’
- 7 In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.
- 8 Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered;

- 9 and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him,  
10 having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

## **GOSPEL John 12.20–33**

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

- 20 Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks.  
21 They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, ‘Sir, we wish to see Jesus.’  
22 Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.  
23 Jesus answered them, ‘The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.  
24 Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.  
25 Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.  
26 Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.  
27 ‘Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say – “Father, save me from this hour”? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour.  
28 Father, glorify your name.’ Then a voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’  
29 The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, ‘An angel has spoken to him.’  
30 Jesus answered, ‘This voice has come for your sake, not for mine.  
31 Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out.  
32 And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.’  
33 He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

## THIS WEEK

Mon	30	Mar	Toddlers' Group	10.00 – 11.30am
Wed	1	Apr	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
			Bring-and-Share Lunch	12.30pm
			Worship Committee (Choir Vestry)	8.00pm
Thu	2	Apr	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			Fairhaven	morning
			Kids' Club	3.30-5.00pm
			Choir Practice	7.00-8.30pm
Sun	5	Apr	<b><u>PALM SUNDAY</u></b>	
			Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST with Procession of Palms and Passion Narrative (crèche available)	9.30am
			United Evening Service at West Watford Free Church	6.30pm

## **NOTICES**

**ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION:** **This year's revision finishes next Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> 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 Henry or Sylvia Moring. If you have changed your email address or telephone number could you also inform us please.

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** a) to take part in the Watch during the night of Maundy Thursday until the morning of Good Friday. 'Could you not keep awake one hour?' There are still some gaps to fill. Please sign the list on the Signings table at the west end. b) to deliver a meditation at the time of meditation and music on Good Friday from 1-2 pm. Please see Jamie Wareham or Graham Mordue for more information.

**BRING-&-SHARE LUNCH:** Please sign the list for Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April.

**EASTER CARDS:** The Easter cards for distribution to all the parish (with the help of Trinity Methodist and West Watford Free Church) will soon be available. Please sign the list if you are able to distribute some.

**TALENTS FOR BANGLADESH:** Talents envelopes and information about the cause we are supporting are on the bier. Items for sale can be put on the Talents Table. Next Sunday, 5 April, will be the last time the Talents Table will be available for sales. Please see April *Sword* for instructions about returning your Talents envelopes.

**EASTER FLOWERS:** If you wish to contribute to the Easter flowers please give your donation to Fay. If you are able to Gift Aid your donation It should go into a white envelope and be marked 'Flower Fund'. Thank you.

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