



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

PALM SUNDAY

5 April 2009

A warm welcome to our services today. A special welcome to Canon Michael Carter who has stepped in at very short notice to take our 9.30 Eucharist. Fr George has had to fly to Kenya due to a family bereavement. Please remember him in your prayers.

At 9.30 am Canon Michael Carter celebrates and Anne Eccleshall leads the intercessions. A crèche is available.

We all meet outside the main west door for the beginning of the Palm procession.

There is a special service book including the first THREE hymns and the Passion Gospel; the remaining hymns are 279 and 127.

Setting: Oldroyd.

Coffee and tea will be served in church after the 9.30 service – please stay on.

There is a United Evening Service at West Watford Free Church at 6.30 pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: Archbishop of the Church in the Province of the West Indies to be appointed.

For all Christian people as we observe together the last week of our Lord's life on earth.

Stephen Golding. Chaplain of Berkhamsted College.

The World: Peace in all troubled places.

British forces as they prepare to withdraw from Iraq.

For a resolution to the global financial crisis.

The Community and Parish: Those who work with sport for the disabled.

Local shopkeepers, and those who provide us with everyday services locally.

Local Primary Schools and efforts to reduce the shortage of places.

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, Kate Kirwan, 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: Those who died in the helicopter crash in Scotland.

PALM GOSPEL

When they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, 'Go into the village opposite you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied there, on which no one has ever sat; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" say, "The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately."'"

And they went away, and found a colt tied at the door out in the open street; and they untied it. And those who stood there said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' And they told them what Jesus had said; and they let them go. And they brought the colt to Jesus, and threw their garments on it; and he sat upon it. And many spread their garments on the road, and others spread leafy branches which they had cut in the fields. And those who went before and those who followed cried out, 'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming! Hosanna in the highest!'

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love towards the human race
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross:
grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility,
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;
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. **Amen.**

SECOND READING Philippians 2.5-11

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as
something to be exploited,
⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And
being found in human form,
⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a
cross.
⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every
name,
¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and
under the earth,
¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the
Father.

Today's Gospel is the Passion Narrative According to St Mark and is found in the service booklets.

PRINCIPAL HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES 2009

Maundy Thursday – 9 April

8.00 pm United Sung Eucharist
followed by Stripping of the Altar and Watch through the Night

Good Friday – 10 April

12.00 noon – 3.00 pm The Last Three Hours
(Stations of the Cross, Meditation and Music or Frugal Lunch and Liturgy)

Holy Saturday – 11 April

9.00 pm Easter Eve Ceremonies

Easter Day – 12 April

8.00 am Holy Communion
9.30 am Sung Eucharist & Blessing of Easter Garden (crèche available)
(President and preacher: the Archdeacon of St Albans)
6.30 pm Evensong

Easter Monday - 13 April

The Pilgrimage to St Albans starts from St Michael's at 9.00 am
with prayers in the Lady Chapel



THIS WEEK

Principal service times for this week are on the inside page

Mon	6	Apr	<i>Schools start Easter holidays</i>	
			Toddlers' Group	10 – 11.30am
Tue	7	Apr	Intercessory Prayer Group (Clergy Vestry)	2.30pm
Wed	8	Apr	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
			Service at Home Manor	3.00pm
Thur	9	Apr	<u>MAUNDY THURSDAY</u> (see inside)	
			(NO 10.00 am celebration)	
Fri	10	Apr	<u>GOOD FRIDAY</u> (see inside)	
			Ecumenical Walk of Witness:	
			United Morning Service at Christ Church, St Albans Road	9.30am
			Short Service at Bandstand then walk onto Harlequin Centre	10.15am
Sat	11	Apr	<u>EASTER EVE</u> (see inside)	
			Parish Walk	leaving church at 10.00am
			(Easter Workshop has been cancelled)	
Sun	12	Apr	<u>EASTER DAY</u> (see inside)	
			River Court	3.00pm
Mon	13	Apr	<u>EASTER MONDAY</u>	
			Pilgrimage to St Albans commences	9.00am

NOTICES

ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION: This year's revision finishes today, 5th April. If anyone would like their name added to the Roll, please get a form from Henry or Sylvia Moring and hand it in TODAY. 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 a few gaps to fill. Please sign the list on the Signings table at the west end. We aim to have 2 people in the Lady Chapel at each hour; b) one or 2 more volunteers are needed for the feet washing at the evening service on Maundy Thursday – see Jamie or Sylvia; c) helpers to make and/or serve soup at the frugal lunch on Good Friday – see Iola.

EASTER CARDS: The Easter cards for distribution to all the parish (with the help of Trinity Methodist and West Watford Free Church) are available. Please deliver some.

EASTER WORKSHOP: This has had to be cancelled.

TALENTS FOR BANGLADESH: Today, Sunday, 5 April, is the last time the Talents Table is available for sales. If you have put items on the table please see that they are taken away by the end of the morning. We hope that as many people as possible will bring their Talents envelope back on Easter Day. Please see April *Sword* (page 11) for full 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.

PARISH WALK: Please sign list on Signings table.