



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

EASTER DAY

12 April 2009

A warm welcome to our services today and a very happy Easter to you all. A very special welcome to the Ven Jonathan Smith, Archdeacon of St Albans.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist the Easter Garden is blessed; the Archdeacon of St Albans celebrates and preaches and Anne Eccleshall leads the intercessions. A crèche is available.

Hymns: 147/148, 156, 137 and 160

Setting: Rawsthorne

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

The monthly service at River Court is at 3.00 pm.

There is Evening Prayer in the Lady Chapel at 6.30 pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: Rowan Williams, Archbishop of Canterbury.
All churches as they celebrate the Resurrection of Christ.
The Community of the Resurrection (Mirfield).

The World: Peace in all troubled places.
All who have died or suffered in the earthquake in Italy.

The Community and Parish: Help the Aged and those needing help in this Parish.
All who will go on pilgrimage to St Alban's shrine on Easter Monday.
All Christians who live in West Watford.

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: Phyllis Peters, (aged 97) (a dear and close friend of Jean & Bruce Alexander).

Collect

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity.

FIRST READING Acts 10.34–43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

³⁴ Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius: ‘I truly understand that God shows no partiality,
³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.
³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all.
³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced:
³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.
³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree;
⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear,
⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.
⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead.
⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.’

SECOND READING I Corinthians 15.1–11

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

¹ I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand,
² through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you – unless you have come to believe in vain.

3 For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that
Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures,
4 and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance
with the scriptures,
5 and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.
6 Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time,
most of whom are still alive, though some have died.
7 Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.
8 Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.
9 For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I
persecuted the church of God.
10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been
in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them – though it was not
I, but the grace of God that is with me.
11 Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to
believe.

GOSPEL John 20.11–18

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

1 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came
to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb.
11 But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look
into the tomb;
12 and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying,
one at the head and the other at the feet.
13 They said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping?’ She said to them, ‘They
have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.’
14 When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but
she did not know that it was Jesus.
15 Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?’
Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, ‘Sir, if you have carried him
away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.’
16 Jesus said to her, ‘Mary!’ She turned and said to him in Hebrew, ‘Rabbouni!’
(which means Teacher).
17 Jesus said to her, ‘Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to
the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, “I am ascending to my
Father and your Father, to my God and your God.”’
18 Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, ‘I have seen the Lord’;
and she told them that he had said these things to her.

THIS WEEK

Mon	13	Apr	<u>EASTER MONDAY</u> Pilgrimage to St Albans commencing with prayers in L Ch	9.00am
Wed	15	Apr	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
Thur	16	Apr	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
Sun	19	Apr	<u>EASTER 2</u> SUNG EUCHARIST: (crèche available). Sunday School in Littlebury Hall	9.30 am
			Evening Prayer	6.30pm

NOTICES

VERY MANY THANKS to all who contributed to beautifying and preparing the Church for the Festival – all who donated money for flowers, all who arranged them – prepared the Altar of Repose and the Easter Garden.

EASTER MONDAY PILGRIMAGE: On Monday, please bring appropriate clothes, stout shoes, packed lunch and **train fare back!**

THANK YOU to Canon Michael Carter and the Rev Ian Pankhurst for taking services for St Michael's on Palm Sunday and Holy Week at very short notice while Fr George is away in Kenya.

ELECTORAL ROLL: The revised Electoral Roll is displayed on the notice board. Please check your entry for any errors or omissions and inform Henry Moring or a churchwarden if there are any inaccuracies. Additional names can be added any time after the Annual Meetings on 29th April.

AGM: Don't forget the AGM on 29th April. Agendas will be sent to all members of the Electoral Roll. NOMINATIONS ARE NEEDED FOR THE PCC AND CHURCHWARDENS: Forms for nominations are at the back of the church. Please return them to Vicki Matthews or the churchwardens. Thank you.

TALENTS FOR BANGLADESH: The talent envelopes will be collected during this service.

THANK YOU to all who supported the Tea Party on Passion Sunday. Your generosity yielded the magnificent sum of £82.21! Martin

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

The Plant Sale will take place on Saturday, 16 May, from 10.30-12 noon. In addition to plants we have a variety of other stalls – books, preserves, coffee, gifts, cakes, etc. If you are able to help with one of these please see Norma Twitchin or Sylvia Moring. Concert in Church on Sunday, 26 April, at 7.45 pm arranged by the Octagon Music Society. Alec Frank-Gemmill (French horn) and Geoffrey Paterson (piano). Tickets (£11) from Valerie O'Riordan and Henry Moring.

EASTER FLOWERS: The Easter season continues until mid May so 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.