



# THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

*St Michael and All Angels*

Watford

LENT 5

PASSION SUNDAY

21 March 2010

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist, Fr George celebrates and preaches and John Adams leads the intercessions. A crèche is available and there is Sunday School.

**Hymns:** 499 (omit \*s), 423 (i), 121 and 122 (ii)

**Setting:** Oldroyd

Tea and coffee will be served in church after the 9.30 service – please stay on.

**At 6pm there is a Celtic Passiontide Service in our 6 o’Clock Series.**

This is followed by refreshments.

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

**The Church:** The Guild of St Raphael (Ministry to the Sick)  
The Anglican Liturgical Consultation  
The Anglican Church in Paraguay

**The World:** People who are unemployed  
Refugees and Asylum Seekers  
Industrial Relations

**The Community and Parish:** Our PCC  
All who will receive our Easter Card  
Borough and County Councillors

**The Ill and the Housebound:** Especially Ray Angles, Gunter Bouché, Christopher Browne, Peter Coley, Bill Craddock-Jones, Marion Craddock-Jones, Jean Crouch, June Dickinson, Kate Dickinson, Jocelyn Harewood, Neil Hart, Gladys Holloway, Jenny Houghton, Lionel Jones, Mary Kearns, Kate Kirwan, Vera Levinson, Jacqui Lyons, Loretta Lynch, Maggie Maguire, Stella Nicholas, Dorcas Ochola, Gaynor Osbourne, Myrtle Powell, Bryony Purse, Ann Reed, Elaine Robinson, Maureen Swann, June Tatnall, Anne Wightman and Eric Wightman.

**The Departed:** Mel Browne (friend of Elizabeth and Mark Watkin)

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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 Isaiah 43.16–21**

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

- <sup>16</sup> Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters,  
<sup>17</sup> who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:  
<sup>18</sup> Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.  
<sup>19</sup> I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.  
<sup>20</sup> The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people,  
<sup>21</sup> the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

**SECOND READING Philippians 3.4b–14**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

- <sup>4</sup> If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more:  
<sup>5</sup> circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee;  
<sup>6</sup> as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.  
<sup>7</sup> Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ.  
<sup>8</sup> More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the

- loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him,
- 9 not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith.
- 10 I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death,
- 11 if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.
- 12 Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.
- 13 Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead,
- 14 I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

## **GOSPEL John 12.1–8**

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

- 1 Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead.
- 2 There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him.
- 3 Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.
- 4 But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said,
- 5 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?'
- 6 (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.)
- 7 Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial.
- 8 You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

## THIS WEEK

Mon	22	Mar	Toddlers' Group	10.00 – 11.30am
Tue	23	Mar	St Michael's Lent Groups – Vicarage 3pm or 134 Mildred Ave 8pm	
Wed	24	Mar	Mission & Stewardship Committee (Clergy Vestry)	10.00am
			Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
			<b>PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL</b>	7.45 for 7.55pm
Thur	25	Mar	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			St Anthony's Primary School in church	10.30am – 3pm
			Choir Practice	7.00 - 8.30pm
Sun	28	Mar	<b><u>PALM SUNDAY</u></b>	
			<i>British Summer Time begins</i>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George)	8.00am
			<b>SUNG EUCHARIST with Passion Narrative</b>	<b>9.30am</b>
			(President and Preacher: Fr Geoff; crèche available)	
			followed by Bring-&-Buy Sale	
			Publicity Committee meeting	11.00am
			Evening Prayer in the Lady Chapel	6.30pm

## **NOTICES**

**ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION:** This year's revision commenced on 14<sup>th</sup> March and finishes on Sunday 4<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 Fr Geoff or Henry or Sylvia Moring. If you have changed your email address or telephone number could you also inform us please.

**THE CHURCH EASTER CARDS** are now on a table in the north aisle, bundled up, ready for delivery in the parish. A lot of time, money and effort has gone into getting them to this stage so please help to ensure that they are all delivered by Saturday 27 March. Thank you.

**ADORAMUS CHOIR & ORCHESTRA** will be performing an inspirational musical journey - 'The Glory of Easter' - at Watford Colosseum on Saturday, 27th March, at 7.30 pm. Dennis Beach has tickets to sell – get yours today.

**THE MAUNDY VIGIL** is from the evening of Maundy Thursday to the morning of Good Friday. Please sign the list by the Mildred Avenue door if you are able to keep watch for an hour or more. Please sign today.

**DONATIONS** towards Easter flowers will be gratefully received by Fay Storey.

**FINAL COPY DATE FOR THE APRIL SWORD** is MIDDAY today Sunday, 21 March. Hard copy or floppy disc to Dennis Beach or email to dhbeach@sky.com.

**DEANERY QUESTIONNAIRE:** Please fill in a form and place in box. All answers will be dealt with in the strictest confidence and none of the details will be passed onto anyone. The object is to aid us in our mission as we seek to compare characteristics of congregations with the characteristics of those who live in the parish, and the neighbouring parishes.