



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

PALM SUNDAY

28 March 2010

A warm welcome to everyone to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist, Fr Geoff celebrates and Sylvia Moring 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.

Hymns: 433, 128, 103, 112 and 127 (i, alt)

Setting: Oldroyd

Tea and coffee will be served in church after the 9.30 service and there will be a Bring-&-Buy Sale – please stay on. Publicity Committee meets at 11 am.

Evening Prayer in the Lady Chapel is at 6.30pm

For your prayers this week:

The Church: Anglican Methodist Relations in our Diocese

Suheil Dawani, Bishop of Jerusalem

Christians in the Holy Land

The World: People struggling economically

Wisdom and integrity in politics

A just settlement of industrial action

The Community and Parish: Visitors to our Holy Week and Easter Services

Families coming together at Easter

People who are lonely

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: Amelia Harrington-Smith (aged 4 months), whose funeral is in church on Thursday.

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.

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 Luke
and is found in the service booklets.**

PRINCIPAL HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES 2010

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday – 29, 30 & 31 March

8.00 pm Meditation on 3 Stations of the Cross followed by Eucharist

Maundy Thursday – 1 April

(NO 10 am service)

8.00 pm Eucharist of the Last Supper and Stripping of the Altar
followed by Watch Through the Night

Good Friday – 2 April

12 noon Way of the Cross for all the family
1.00 pm Last Seven Words from the Cross
2.00 pm Good Friday Liturgy

Holy Saturday – 3 April

9.00 pm Easter Vigil and Eucharist

Easter Day – 4 April

8.00 am Holy Communion
9.30 am Parish Family Eucharist & Blessing of Easter Garden
6.30 pm Evening Prayer

Easter Monday – 5 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	29	Mar	Toddlers' Group	10 – 11.30am
Wed	31	Mar	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
Thur	1	Apr	<u>MAUNDY THURSDAY</u> (see inside)	
			Funeral of Amelia Harrington-Smith (aged 4 months)	10.30am
			Communion to Fairhaven	11.00am
			Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.00pm
Fri	2	Apr	<u>GOOD FRIDAY</u> (see inside)	
Sat	3	Apr	<u>EASTER EVE</u> (see inside)	
			Parish Walk leaving church at 10.00 am	
			Kids Saturday (in Church)	2.00 – 4.00pm
Sun	4	Apr	<u>EASTER DAY</u> (see inside)	
Mon	5	Apr	<u>EASTER MONDAY</u>	
			Pilgrimage to St Albans commences	9.00am

NOTICES

ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION: This year's revision commenced on 14th March and finishes on Sunday 4th 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 : Please look at the table in the north aisle and see if you can deliver any cards that are still waiting to be circulated in the parish.

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. **AT PRESENT WE DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH PEOPLE TO COVER ALL THE HOURS.** Please sign today.

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

KIDS' SATURDAY: Craft work, simple worship and some food; aimed at primary school children, or younger if accompanied by an adult. Posters and handbills at the back of the church. Please tell your friends and neighbours. See Jane Talbot if you can help.

BRING-AND-SHARE LUNCH: Wednesday, 7 April 2010, at 12.30 pm. Please sign the list at the back of the church.

GOOD FRIDAY: Please note that there is no frugal lunch this year.

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.