



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

EASTER DAY

4 April 2010

A warm welcome to our services today and a very happy Easter to you all. At the 9.30 am Eucharist the Easter Garden is blessed; Fr Geoff celebrates and preaches and Martin Matthews leads the intercessions. A crèche is available.

Hymns: 156/143(ii), 147, 137 and 148.

Setting: Rawsthorne

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

Evening Prayer in the Lady Chapel is at 6.30pm

For your prayers this week:

The Church: Christians across the world celebrating Easter
The Community of the Resurrection, Mirfield.
The Selly Oak Centre for Mission Studies

The World: All people seeking new lives after natural or man made disaster
All those seeking political office in the election
Babies and young children beginning their lives

The Community and Parish: People of all races, cultures, and religions living in our community
That the message of new life may be heard in our community
Preparations for our AGM, and those who hold office in our Church

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:

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 15.19–26

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

- ¹⁹ If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

- 20 But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.
- 21 For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being;
- 22 for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ.
- 23 But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.
- 24 Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power.
- 25 For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.
- 26 The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

GOSPEL Luke 24.1–12

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

- 1 On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had accompanied Jesus came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared.
- 2 They found the stone rolled away from the tomb,
- 3 but when they went in, they did not find the body.
- 4 While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them.
- 5 The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, ‘Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.
- 6 Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee,
- 7 that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.’
- 8 Then they remembered Jesus’ words,
- 9 and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest.
- 10 Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles.
- 11 But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them.
- 12 But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened..
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THIS WEEK

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| Mon | 5 | Apr | <i>Bank Holiday</i> NO Toddlers' Group Pilgrimage to St Albans | |
| Tue | 6 | Apr | Service at The Chase Care Home | 3.00pm |
| Wed | 7 | Apr | Coffee in Church Bring-&-Share Lunch | 10.30am-12 noon 12.30pm |
| Thur | 8 | Apr | Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language) St Anthony's Choir Practice | 10.00am morning 7.00 – 8.30pm |
| Sun | 11 | Apr | <u>EASTER 2</u> Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George) SUNG EUCHARIST: crèche available (President and Preacher: Fr George;) 11.15 Service of Thanksgiving & Praise Youth Group Lunch (in Church) Evening Prayer in Lady Chapel | 8.00am 9.30am 11.15am 12.30pm 6.30pm |

NOTICES

ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION: This year's revision finishes TODAY 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 and return today. If you have changed your email address or telephone number could you also inform us please.

PILGRIMAGE TO ST ALBANS: Would anyone wanting more information about the annual pilgrimage this year please see Fr Geoff.

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.

AGMs: Don't forget the AGMs on 28th 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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: Sale and Coffee Morning – 24 April 10.30 – 12 noon.
Plant Sale – 15 May 10 am – 12 noon

THE PEACE HOSPICE STARLIGHT WALK: Starting at midnight on Saturday, 22 May and volunteers are needed to marshal the route. If you can help please telephone Simon Fowle (01923 229624).

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