



# THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

*St Michael and All Angels*

Watford

**EASTER 3**

18 April 2010

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist, Fr Geoff celebrates, Martin Heath preaches and John Adams leads the intercessions. This will be a said service with hymns. A crèche and Sunday School are available. We welcome Watford's Elected Mayor, Dorothy Thornhill, who will read the second lesson.

**Hymns: 141 (ii), 157, 162 and 160.**

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

**THE SIX O'CLOCK SERIES: A TAIZE SERVICE at 6pm.** This is followed by refreshments.

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

**The Church:** The Anglican Communion in Japan, and Nathaniel Uematsu, its Archbishop  
The Church in Guyana  
The witness of the Church for Peace and Justice

**The World:** The people of Poland  
Those affected by the volcanic eruptions in Iceland  
Reduction of nuclear arms  
Wise and constructive voting in the forthcoming election

**The Community and Parish:** Our Annual Meetings  
Thanksgiving for all who serve God in our Church  
The fostering of community spirit in our area

**The Ill and the Housebound:** Especially Peter Coley, Bill and Marion Craddock-Jones, Jean Crouch, June Dickinson, Kate Dickinson, David and Janet Freeman, Jocelyn Harewood, Susetta Hartropp, Gladys Holloway, Jenny Houghton, Lionel Jones, Susan Jones, Mary Kearns, Kate Kirwan, Vera Levinson, Jacqui Lyons, Maggie Maguire, Stella Nicholas, Dorcas Ochola, Gaynor Osbourne, Myrtle Powell, Bryony Purse, Elaine Robinson, Maureen Swann, June Tatnall, Eric and Anne Wightman.

**The Departed:** Dorothy Amelia (Mimi) Hayter (aged 107), Prince Michael of Kent Court. (Funeral service at 1pm, 23<sup>rd</sup> April, at St Andrews Church.)

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**Collect**

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord:

give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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 Acts 9.1–6**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

- <sup>1</sup> Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest  
<sup>2</sup> and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.  
<sup>3</sup> Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him.  
<sup>4</sup> He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?'  
<sup>5</sup> He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.  
<sup>6</sup> But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.'

**SECOND READING Revelation 5.11–14**

A reading from the book of Revelation.

- <sup>11</sup> I, John, looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands,  
<sup>12</sup> singing with full voice, 'Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!'  
<sup>13</sup> Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, 'To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might for ever and ever!'  
<sup>14</sup> And the four living creatures said, 'Amen!' And the elders fell down and worshipped.

## GOSPEL John 21.1-19

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

- 1 Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way.
- 2 Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples.
- 3 Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.
- 4 Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.
- 5 Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.'
- 6 He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish.
- 7 That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake.
- 8 But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.
- 9 When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread.
- 10 Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.'
- 11 So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn.
- 12 Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord.
- 13 Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.
- 14 This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.
- 15 When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.'
- 16 A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.'
- 17 He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.
- 18 Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.'
- 19 He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God. After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

## THIS WEEK

Mon	19	Apr	Toddlers' Group	10 – 11.30am
Wed	21	Apr	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
Thur	22	Apr	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
Sat	24	Apr	Sale and Coffee Morning	10.30am-12noon
			Kids' Saturday	2.00pm-4.00pm
Sun	25	Apr	<b><u>EASTER 4</u></b>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George)	8.00am
			<b>SUNG EUCHARIST:</b> with crèche and Sunday School	<b>9.30am</b>
			(President and Preacher: Fr Geoff)	
			followed by Bring-&-Buy Sale	
			Evening Prayer in the Lady Chapel	6.30pm

## **NOTICES**

**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 28<sup>th</sup> April.

**AGMs:** Don't forget the AGMs on 28<sup>th</sup> 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 for St Michaels** – 24 April 10.30 – 12 noon. **Pre-election forums** – 20 & 26 April, 8 pm at St Thomas' URC. **Trinity Methodist Quiz Night** in aid of Christian Aid - 8 May. **Plant Sale** – 15 May 10 am – 12 noon We hope your seedlings and cuttings are prospering and will be ready for this occasion. We also sell anything relating to plants and gardens and hope to have stalls with cakes and preserves, gifts, books, bric-a-brac and anything else that may sell. All gifts and help for any of the stalls gratefully accepted please see Sylvia (231917).

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Neil and Pam Hart who celebrate their Golden Wedding this weekend.

**VISIT TO CAMBRIDGE:** Please sign the list if you are interested in taking part on 21 May.

**CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES:** Please give your box to Norma for emptying.

**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). There are forms at the back of the church for any women who wish to take part in the walk.

**FINAL COPY DATE FOR THE MAY SWORD** is MIDDAY next Sunday, 25 April. Hard copy or floppy disc to Dennis Beach or email to dhbeach@sky.com.