



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

PALM SUNDAY

17 April 2011

A warm welcome to everyone to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist, Fr Geoff celebrates and Anne Eccleshall 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 Passion Gospel. The hymns are as below and not those in the booklet.

Hymns: 128/129 (i), 116, 112 and 123.

Setting: Oldroyd

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

Choral Passiontide Service - “The Cross of Christ” for Choir and Congregation a service which will include a sequence of meditational music, hymns, anthems, readings and prayers. **Tonight, Sunday, 17 April, at 6 pm.**

For your prayers this week:

The Church: Suheil Dawani, Bishop of Jerusalem, and the people of the Diocese of Jerusalem

Christians of all denominations in the Middle East

The Deanery of Watford, and David Middlebrook, our Rural Dean.

The World: All those imprisoned and persecuted unjustly

Mutual understanding between people of different faiths

People who are lonely, and feel themselves unloved.

The Community and Parish: All our visitors in Holy Week and Easter

Our Holy Week and Easter services and workshops

Our friends and neighbours of other faiths.

The Ill and the Housebound: Especially Christopher Bilson, Mary Calvert, Peter Coley,

Bill and Marion Craddock-Jones, Jean Crouch, Kate Dickinson, Darrell

Dunning, David and Janet Freeman, Jocelyn Harewood, Susetta

Hartropp, Ben Heath, Gladys Holloway, Leena Hosie, Jenny Houghton,

Mary Kearns, Dorothy Kiddle, Lesley Kinch, Vera Levinson, Loretta

Lynch, Jacqui Lyons, Maggie Maguire, Stella Nicholas, Dorcas Ochola,

Gaynor Osbourne, Helen Perry, Myrtle Powell, Bryony Purse, June

Tatnall, Eric and Anne Wightman.

The Departed:

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.

FIRST READING Isaiah 50.4–9a

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The servant of the LORD said:

- 4 The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may
know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he
wakens – wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.
- 5 The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not
turn backwards.
- 6 I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who
pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.
- 7 The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be
put to shame;
- 8 he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us
stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.
- 9 It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Today's Gospel is the Passion Narrative According to St Matthew and is found in the service booklets.

PRINCIPAL HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES 2011

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday – 18-20 April

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

Maundy Thursday – 21 April

(NO 10 am service)

8.00 pm Eucharist of the Last Supper
followed by Maundy Watch overnight

Good Friday – 22 April

12.00 noon – 3.00 pm The Last Three Hours
12-1pm Stations of the Cross
1-2 pm The Second Hour at the Cross
2-3 pm Good Friday Liturgy

Holy Saturday – 23 April

9.00 pm Easter Vigil and Eucharist

Easter Day – 24 April

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

Easter Monday - 24 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	18	Apr	NO Toddlers' Group (restarts 9 May)	
Tue	19	Apr	Chase Care Home	2.30pm
Wed	20	Apr	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
Thur	21	Apr	<u>MAUNDY THURSDAY</u> (see inside)	
			Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.00pm
Fri	22	Apr	<u>GOOD FRIDAY</u> (see inside)	
Sat	23	Apr	<u>EASTER EVE</u> (see inside)	
			Easter Workshop (in Church)	10.00am – 12 noon
Sun	24	Apr	<u>EASTER DAY</u> (see inside)	
Mon	25	Apr	<u>EASTER MONDAY</u>	
			Pilgrimage to St Albans commences	9.00am

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, Fr Geoff or a churchwarden if there are any inaccuracies. Additional names can be added any time after the Annual Meetings on 27th April.

EASTER WORKSHOP: On Saturday, 23 April, there will be an Easter Workshop in Church from 10 am-12 noon. It will have craft activities, simple worship, and refreshments and is open to primary school children (or younger if accompanied by an adult). For more information please telephone 01923 232460.

FINAL COPY DATE FOR THE MAY SWORD is MIDDAY today Sunday, 17 April. Hard copy or floppy disc to Dennis Beach or email to dhbeach@sky.com.

The ANNUAL REPORT is available on the Signings Table. Please help yourself to one – one per family, please. Members of the PCC have individually named copies. The annual meetings are on Wednesday, 27 April. Before then we should like nominations for churchwardens, lay PCC members, and Deanery Synod representatives. In addition, there are vacancies for PCC Secretary and Treasurer. Nomination forms on the Signings Table.

EASTER CARDS: Please help with the distribution.

MAUNDY VIGIL: If you are able to keep watch in the Lady Chapel at some time between 9 pm to 8 am, please sign the list on the table by the Lady Chapel. We would like 2 people to keep watch for each hour.

CHURCH ARMY EASTER OFFERING BOXES: Please bring these back on Easter Day. There are still 7 days to take a box and put some change in it this week!

EASTER FLOWERS: It is our custom to invite people to make a donation towards the Easter flowers, perhaps in memory of a loved one. If you would like to do this, please give your donation to Fay Storey or Jean Alexander. If you are able to gift aid your donation it should go in one of the white or brown gift aid envelopes.