



# THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

*St Michael and All Angels*

Watford

EASTER DAY

24 April 2011

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 Paul Jenkins leads the intercessions. This is a Baptism Renewal Service and Alexander Joe Bloomfield and Katie Scarlett Bloomfield will be baptised. A crèche is available.

**Hymns: 147/148, 150, 162 and 160.**

**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**

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

**The Church:** All Anglican Churches on Anglican Communion Sunday.  
The Community of the Resurrection, Mirfield.  
Christian Unity.

**The World:** The work of the United Nations.  
Peace in the world wherever there is conflict.  
New life and hope for all who despair.

**The Community and Parish:** Alexander and Katie Bloomfield and their family.  
Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting this week.  
All who give their time, energy, money, and prayers for the work of our Church.

**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:**

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**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.

<sup>34</sup> Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius. 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality,  
<sup>35</sup> but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.  
<sup>36</sup> You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all.  
<sup>37</sup> That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced:  
<sup>38</sup> 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.  
<sup>39</sup> 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;  
<sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear,  
<sup>41</sup> 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.  
<sup>42</sup> 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.  
<sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

**SECOND READING Colossians 3.1–4**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

<sup>1</sup> If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.  
<sup>2</sup> Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth,  
<sup>3</sup> for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.  
<sup>4</sup> When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

## GOSPEL John 20.1-18

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

- <sup>1</sup> Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb.
- <sup>2</sup> So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.'
- <sup>3</sup> Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb.
- <sup>4</sup> The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first.
- <sup>5</sup> He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in.
- <sup>6</sup> Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there,
- <sup>7</sup> and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself.
- <sup>8</sup> Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed;
- <sup>9</sup> for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.
- <sup>10</sup> Then the disciples returned to their homes.
- <sup>11</sup> But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb;
- <sup>12</sup> and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet.
- <sup>13</sup> They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.'
- <sup>14</sup> When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus.
- <sup>15</sup> Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.'
- <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' which means Teacher.
- <sup>17</sup> Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' "
- <sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

## THIS WEEK

Mon	25	Apr	<b><u>EASTER MONDAY</u></b> Pilgrimage to St Albans commences with prayers NO Toddlers' Group (restarts 9 May)	9.00am
Tue	26	Apr	Bible Study (Choir Vestry)	8.00pm
Wed	27	Apr	Coffee in Church Eucharist Annual Vestry Meeting Annual Parochial Church Meeting	10.30am-12 noon 7.00pm 7.45pm 8.00pm
Thur	28	Apr	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language) NO Choir Practice	10.00am
Fri	29	Apr	<i>Bank Holiday</i>	
Sun	1	May	<b><u>EASTER 2</u></b> Holy Communion <b>SUNG EUCHARIST:</b> crèche available (Preacher: Martin Heath) followed by a Bring-&-Buy Sale Evening Prayer	8.00am <b>9.30am</b>   6.00pm

## **NOTICES**

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

**MUSICAL SOIREE:** 6 May 2011 at 7.30 pm given by the distinguished professional singers, Lise Christensen and Michael Bracegirdle. Tickets (including finger buffet) £10 available in Church today (otherwise ring 231917 or 247619).

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

**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.

**CHURCH ARMY EASTER OFFERING BOXES:** Please bring these back.

**BRING-AND-SHARE LUNCH:** Wednesday, 4 May 2011, at 12.30 pm. Please sign the list at the back of the church.

**PARISH WALK:** Saturday, 7 May. Please sign the list on the signings table.