



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

PASSION SUNDAY

25 March 2012

A warm welcome to everyone to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist, Fr Geoff celebrates and preaches and Phil Gough leads the intercessions.

Hymns: 499 (omit *s), 123, 112 and 122 (ii)

Setting: Missa Seraphica

Tea and coffee will be served in church after the 9.30 service and there is a Bring-&-Buy Sale – please stay on.

Six O’Clock Series – “The Cross of Christ” is at 6.00pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Church of Ireland The Most Revd Alan Edwin Thomas Harper Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland and Metropolitan. The work of Church Army with homeless and vulnerable people. The work of USPG with the Anglican Church in Mozambique.

The World: All who are struggling in the present financial situation. Industry and small businesses in Watford.

Our Armed Forces Personnel serving in this country and abroad.

The Community and Parish: Our observance of Lent and preparation for Holy Week and Easter.

The work of Watford Celebration in fostering community harmony and cohesion.

Pastoral care for our congregation and wider Church family.

The Ill and the Housebound: Especially Bruce Alexander, Billie Bainbridge (age 4), Christopher Bilson, Peter Coley, Bill and Marion Craddock-Jones, Jean Crouch, Darrell Dunning, David and Janet Freeman, Ben Heath, Jessie Hobby, Leena Hosie, Jenny Houghton, Harvey Jaquest, Mary Kearns, Lesley Kinch, Loretta Lynch, Jacqui Lyons, Maggie Maguire, Stella Nicholas, Faith Nkugwa, Dorcas Ochola, Helen Perry, Myrtle Powell, Christina and David Simon, Rosie Waite, Eric and Anne Wightman.

The Departed:

Collect

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world:

grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory;

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 Jeremiah 31.31–34

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

- 31 The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah.
- 32 It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt – a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD.
- 33 But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.
- 34 No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

SECOND READING Hebrews 5.5–10

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

- 5 Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, ‘You are my Son, today I have begotten you’;
- 6 as he says also in another place, ‘You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.’
- 7 In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.
- 8 Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered;

- 9 and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation
for all who obey him,
10 having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of
Melchizedek.

GOSPEL John 12.20–33

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

- 20 Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some
Greeks.
21 They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him,
‘Sir, we wish to see Jesus.’
22 Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told
Jesus.
23 Jesus answered them, ‘The hour has come for the Son of Man to be
glorified.
24 Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies,
it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.
25 Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this
world will keep it for eternal life.
26 Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my
servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.
27 ‘Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say – “Father, save me
from this hour”? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour.
28 Father, glorify your name.’ Then a voice came from heaven, ‘I have
glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’
29 The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others
said, ‘An angel has spoken to him.’
30 Jesus answered, ‘This voice has come for your sake, not for mine.
31 Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be
driven out.
32 And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.’
33 He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

THIS WEEK

Mon	26	Mar	Toddlers' Group Rehearsal in church by Radlett Choral Society	10.00 – 11.30am evening
Wed	28	Mar	Coffee in Church Service of Lenten Devotion	10.30am-12 noon 7.30pm
Thur	29	Mar	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language) Choir Practice	10.00am 7.00 - 8.30pm
Sat	31	Mar	Concert by Radlett Choral Society – Haydn's CREATION (Church in use from 12 noon)	7.30pm
Sun	1	Apr	<u>PALM SUNDAY</u> Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff) SUNG EUCHARIST (President: Fr Geoff) with Procession of Palms and Passion Narrative Evening Prayer	8.00am 9.30am 6.00pm

NOTICES

ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION: This year's revision commences on 28th March and finishes on Sunday 1st 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 ANNUAL MEETINGS are on Wednesday 25 April. Agendas for this are now available and everyone on the Electoral Roll has a named envelope to pick up.

SERVICE OF LENTEN DEVOTION will be at 7.30 pm on Wednesday, 28 March.

MAUNDY THURSDAY WATCH: As usual we hope to keep the watch in the Lady Chapel throughout the night on Maundy Thursday. Please sign the list on the table by the Mildred Avenue door if you are able to join the watch for part of the time.

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 gift aid envelopes.

FINAL COPY DATE FOR THE APRIL SWORD is MIDDAY today, Sunday, 25 March. Hard copy or floppy disc to Dennis Beach or email to dhbeach@sky.com.

CHURCH ARMY LENTEN GIVING BOXES: If you have one of these boxes, please bring it back to church by Easter Day.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Haydn's Creation performed by Radlett Choral Society at St Michael's – 31 March 2012
Plant Sale – 19 May 2012 – on the grass triangle outside the church
Concert by Ullern Chamberchoir from Oslo at St Michael's – 26 May at 6 pm
Barbecue 8 July 2012 – at 8 Cassiobury Park Avenue

DIAMOND JUBILEE LUNCH: If you are interested in joining in our Inside Street Party on Sunday, 3 June 2012, please fill in the green slip and put it in the box at the west end.