



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

PALM SUNDAY

1 April 2012

A warm welcome to everyone to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist, Fr Geoff celebrates and Violet Allen-Smith leads the intercessions.

We all meet outside the main west door for the beginning of the Palm procession.

There is a special service book including the first THREE hymns and the Passion Gospel; remaining hymns are 432 and 127.

Setting: Missa Seraphica.

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

Evening Prayer is at 6.00pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Diocese of Jerusalem - (Jerusalem & Middle East) The Rt Revd Suheil Dawani.

Church Army's "Hope on the Streets" campaign.

USPG's peace pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

The World: Peace and justice for all who live in the Holy Land.

All those in our world suffering from natural disaster or civil conflict.

Economic justice for all members of our society.

The Community and Parish: All our visitors over Holy Week and Easter.

Jewish people in our local and wider community.

Our brothers and sisters in Christ at West Watford Free Church and Trinity Methodist Church..

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:

PALM GOSPEL

When they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, 'Go into the village opposite you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied there, on which no one has ever sat; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" say, "The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately."'"

And they went away, and found a colt tied at the door out in the open street; and they untied it. And those who stood there said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' And they told them what Jesus had said; and they let them go. And they brought the colt to Jesus, and threw their garments on it; and he sat upon it. And many spread their garments on the road, and others spread leafy branches which they had cut in the fields. And those who went before and those who followed cried out, 'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming! Hosanna in the highest!'

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.**

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 awakens – awakens 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 Mark and is found in the red service booklets.

PRINCIPAL HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES 2012

8.00 pm Eucharist on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week

Maundy Thursday – 5 April

8.00 pm Eucharist of the Last Supper and Stripping of the Altar
followed by Watch Through the Night

Good Friday – 6 April

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

Holy Saturday – 7 April

9.00 pm Easter Vigil

Easter Day – 8 April

8.00 am Holy Communion
9.30 am Parish Family Eucharist & Blessing of Easter Garden



THIS WEEK

Principal service times for this week are on the inside page

Mon	2	Apr	<i>School holidays start</i>	
			Toddlers' Group	10.00 – 11.30am
			Service at River Court	3.00pm
Wed	4	Apr	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
Thur	5	Apr	MAUNDY THURSDAY (see inside)	
			Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			Fairhaven	morning
Fri	6	Apr	GOOD FRIDAY (see inside)	
Sat	7	Apr	HOLY SATURDAY (see inside)	
Sun	8	Apr	<u>EASTER DAY</u>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff)	8.00am
			PARISH FAMILY EUCHARIST (President: Fr Geoff)	9.30am
			<i>(Please note that there is no 11.15 service this month)</i>	

NOTICES

ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION: This year's revision commenced on 28th March and **finishes today 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.

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. There are still a lot of vacant times.

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.

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:

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.

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