



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

EASTER 2
15 April 2012

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist, Fr George celebrates and preaches and John Adams leads the intercessions.

Hymns: 157, 155, 278 and 162

Setting: Said service with hymns

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

Evening Prayer is at 6 pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Nippon Sei Ko Kai (The Anglican Communion in Japan) The Most Revd Nathaniel Makato Uematsu Primate of The Nippon Sei Ko Kai & Bishop of Hokkaido.
The Brotherhood of the Ascended Christ (The Delhi Brotherhood).
The Parish of Eversholt in our Diocese.

The World: Young people working with Christian Aid.
Church Army work with those outside the Church.
The work of eradicating preventable and curable diseases across the world.

The Community and Parish: Summer term in our schools.

Our Church members on holiday.

Our Church's plans for mission.

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

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification:

grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth;

through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ 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 4.32–35

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

³² The whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common.

³³ With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.

³⁴ There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold.

³⁵ They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

SECOND READING I John 1.1 – 2.2

A reading from the first letter of John.

¹ We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life –

² this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us –

³ we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.

⁴ We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵ This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all.

⁶ If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true;

⁷ but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

⁸ If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

⁹ If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

¹⁰ If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

¹ My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if
² anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous;
and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the
sins of the whole world.

GOSPEL John 20.19–31

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

¹⁹ It was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the
disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among
them and said, 'Peace be with you.'

²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples
rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send
you.'

²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy
Spirit.

²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any,
they are retained.'

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when
Jesus came.

²⁵ So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them,
'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the
nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them.
Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace
be with you.'

²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your
hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.'

²⁸ Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!'

²⁹ Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those
who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not
written in this book.

³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the
Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

THIS WEEK

Mon	16	Apr	<i>School Term starts</i> NO Toddlers' Group	
Tue	17	Apr	Service at the Chase Care Centre	2.30pm
Wed	18	Apr	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
Thur	19	Apr	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language) attended by Mothers' Union and followed by meeting in Choir Vestry – all welcome Choir Practice	10.00am 7.00 – 8.30pm
Sun	22	Apr	<u>EASTER 3</u> Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George) SUNG EUCHARIST (President Fr George; preacher: Martin Heath) Evening Prayer	8.00am 9.30am 6.00 pm

NOTICES

EASTER IN CHURCH: Thank you to everyone who has played a part in preparing and decorating the church for this Eastertide.

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 25th April.

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. Nominations will be needed for Churchwardens and members of the Parochial Church Council. Forms for the nominations are at the back of the church

CHURCH ARMY LENTEN GIVING BOXES: If you still have one of these boxes, please bring it back to church as soon as possible.

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

Sunday, 15 July 2012 at 6 pm. Archdeacon Jonathan Smith coming to Choral Evensong for the induction of Fr Geoffrey Calvert as our Vicar.

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. Please note that we would like to have your green slip returned TODAY.