



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

EASTER 3
22 April 2012

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist, Fr George celebrates, Martin Heath preaches and Sylvia Moring leads the intercessions.

Hymns: 409, 150, 311 and 159

Setting: Rawsthorne

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 Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East - The Most Revd Dr Mouneer Hanna Anis President Bishop, Jerusalem & the Middle East & Bishop in Egypt with North Africa and the Horn of Africa.

USPG ask for our prayers for global efforts to tackle poverty through the millennium development goals.

The Rev Canon Robert Sibson, former curate at St Michael's, on his retirement.

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: 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 Bruce Alexander, Billie Bainbridge (age 5), 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: Bernard Hinchey (Maggie Benoy's uncle).

Collect

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
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 Acts 3.12–19

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

- ¹² Peter addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?
- ¹³ The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him.
- ¹⁴ But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you,
- ¹⁵ and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses.
- ¹⁶ And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.
- ¹⁷ And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers.
- ¹⁸ In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer.
- ¹⁹ Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.'

SECOND READING I John 3.1–7

A reading from the first letter of John.

- ¹ See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.
- ² Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.
- ³ And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.
- ⁴ Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness.
- ⁵ You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin.
- ⁶ No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him.
- ⁷ Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

GOSPEL Luke 24.36–48

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

- ³⁶ While the eleven and their companions were talking about what they had heard, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'
- ³⁷ They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost.
- ³⁸ He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?
- ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.'
- ⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.
- ⁴¹ While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?'
- ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish,
- ⁴³ and he took it and ate in their presence.
- ⁴⁴ Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you – that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.'
- ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures,
- ⁴⁶ and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day,
- ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.
- ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.'

THIS WEEK

Mon	23	Apr	St GEORGE'S DAY	
			Toddlers' Group	10.00 – 11.30am
			Intercessory Prayer Group (Choir Vestry)	2.30pm
Tue	24	Apr	Bible Study (Choir Vestry)	8.00pm
Wed	25	Apr	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
			ANNUAL MEETINGS	
			Eucharist (Lady Chapel)	7.00pm
			Annual Vestry Meeting (Littlebury Hall)	7.45pm
			Annual Parochial Church Meeting (Littlebury Hall)	8.00pm
Thur	26	Apr	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
Sun	29	Apr	EASTER 4	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST (President Fr Geoff; preacher: Revd Bill Hewis from the Leprosy Mission)	9.30am
			followed by Bring-&-Buy Sale	
			Baptism	3.00pm
			Evening Prayer	6.00 pm

NOTICES

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

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.

FINAL COPY DATE FOR THE MAY SWORD is MIDDAY today Sunday, 22 April. Hard copy or floppy disc to Dennis Beach or email to dhbeach@sky.com.

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

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES: It is the time of year when these are emptied and the collection sent to the Society. If you have one please bring it in to Norma Twitchin to be emptied.

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.