



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

EASTER 4 29 April 2012

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist, Fr Geoff celebrates, the Revd Bill Hewis from the Leprosy Mission preaches and Pat Beach leads the intercessions. The new PCC will be dedicated.

Hymns: 555, 517, 589 (i) and 153

Setting: Rawsthorne

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

There is a Baptism at 3pm.

Evening Prayer is at 6 pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Anglican Church of Kenya, the Most Revd Dr Eliud Wabakula, Primate and Archbishop of All Kenya.
The Parish of Great Barford in our Diocese.
The Christian Church in Pakistan under oppression and persecution.

The World: The work of the Leprosy Mission.
All work to fight treatable and eradicable disease in our world.
The World Health Organisation.

The Community and Parish: Our Churchwarden and PCC.
Our plans for the future.

For our growth in faith, understanding, and love.

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, Ben Heath, Jessie Hobby, Leena Hosie, Jenny Houghton, Audrey and 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: Trevor Swallow, (age 68, son of Mrs Eileen Swallow)

Collect

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Acts 4.5–12

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

- ⁵ The Jewish rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem,
⁶ with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family.
⁷ When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, ‘By what power or by what name did you do this?’
⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, ‘Rulers of the people and elders,
⁹ if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed,
¹⁰ let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead.
¹¹ This Jesus is “the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.”
¹² There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.’

SECOND READING I John 3.16–24

A reading from the first letter of John.

- ¹⁶ We know love by this, that the Son of God laid down his life for us – and we ought to lay down our lives for one another.
¹⁷ How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?
¹⁸ Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.

- 19 And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure
our hearts before him
- 20 whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts,
and he knows everything.
- 21 Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before
God;
- 22 and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his
commandments and do what pleases God.
- 23 And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his
Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us.
- 24 All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them.
And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given
us.

GOSPEL John 10.11–18

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

Jesus said to the Pharisees:

- 11 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the
sheep.
- 12 The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep,
sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away – and the wolf
snatches them and scatters them.
- 13 The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the
sheep.
- 14 I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me,
15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my
life for the sheep.
- 16 I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them
also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one
shepherd.
- 17 For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order
to take it up again.
- 18 No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have
power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have
received this command from my Father.'

THIS WEEK

Mon	30	Apr	Toddlers' Group	10.00 – 11.30am
Tue	1	May	Social Committee (8 Cassiobury Park Avenue)	7.45pm
Wed	2	May	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
Thur	3	May	<i>POLLING DAY</i>	
			Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			Fairhaven	morning
			Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
Sat	5	May	Wedding	12.30pm
Sun	6	May	<u>EASTER 5</u>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST (President and preacher: Fr Geoff)	9.30pm
			Evening Prayer	6.00 pm

NOTICES

ANNUAL MEETINGS last Wednesday: Jannice Mordue was elected as Churchwarden and there is a vacancy for a second churchwarden. Jessica Adams, Paul Chandler and Andrew Kiddle were elected as Parochial Church Councillors to serve for a three-year term of office, leaving one vacancy. Paul Chandler volunteered to be Churchwarden's Assistant.

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.

PLANT SALE: 19 May 2012 – 10.30 – 12 noon. We hope to have a lot of plants to sell. In addition, we hope to raise money by selling other items – books, DVDs, gifts, provisions, jams, marmalade, cakes, bric-a-brac, toys – in fact anything that we are given to sell. Raffle prizes are also welcome. All the proceeds from this sale go to our mission and charitable giving. We would appreciate help with running the stalls so if you are able to help in this way please see one of us. Items for sale can be brought to church at any time from now. Cakes are very welcome on the day. Norma & Sylvia

INSIDE STREET PARTY – Sunday, 3 June. The Social Committee has a meeting this week when decisions will be taken about the Inside Street Party. If you have not yet returned a green slip it would be very helpful if you could do so today.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Plant Sale – 19 May 2012 – on the grass triangle outside the church

Ascension Day – 17 May 2012 – Celebrations at 10 am and 8 pm.

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 6.30 pm. Archdeacon Jonathan Smith coming to Choral Evensong which will include the induction of Fr Geoffrey Calvert as our Vicar.