



# THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

*St Michael and All Angels*

Watford

EASTER 7

20 May 2012

A warm welcome to our services today.

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

**Hymns: 166, 168, 318 and 398**

**Setting: Rawsthorne**

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

Stations of the Resurrection (followed by refreshments) is at 6.00pm.

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## **For your prayers this week:**

**The Church:** All Anglican Churches across the world, on Anglican Communion Sunday.

The Parish of Hexton in our Diocese

USPG's "Growing the Church" development programmes.

**The World:** Wise guidance of the economic situation in Europe.

Those running debt advice schemes.

Preparations for the Queens Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

**The Community and Parish:** The planned Watford Food Bank.

Our police and police community support officers.

West Watford Community Association's "Four a day way" launch.

**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:**

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**Collect**

O God the king of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:  
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,  
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**FIRST READING Acts 1.15–17, 21–26**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

- <sup>15</sup> In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people). He said,  
<sup>16</sup> ‘Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus –  
<sup>17</sup> for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.  
<sup>21</sup> So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us,  
<sup>22</sup> beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us – one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.’  
<sup>23</sup> So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias.  
<sup>24</sup> Then they prayed and said, ‘Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen  
<sup>25</sup> to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.’  
<sup>26</sup> And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

**SECOND READING I John 5.9–13**

A reading from the first letter of John.

- <sup>9</sup> If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son.

- <sup>10</sup> Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son.
- <sup>11</sup> And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.
- <sup>12</sup> Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.
- <sup>13</sup> I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

## **GOSPEL John 17.6–19**

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

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed:

- <sup>6</sup> ‘Father, I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.
- <sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything you have given me is from you;
- <sup>8</sup> for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me.
- <sup>9</sup> I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours.
- <sup>10</sup> All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.
- <sup>11</sup> And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.
- <sup>12</sup> While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled.
- <sup>13</sup> But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves.
- <sup>14</sup> I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.
- <sup>15</sup> I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one.
- <sup>16</sup> They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.
- <sup>17</sup> Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.
- <sup>18</sup> As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.
- <sup>19</sup> And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.’

## THIS WEEK

Mon	21	May	Toddlers' Group	10.00 – 11.30am
Wed	23	May	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
Thur	24	May	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
Sat	26	May	CONCERT BY ULLERN CHAMBERCHOIR	6.00pm
Sun	27	May	<b><u>PENTECOST</u></b>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff)	8.00am
			<b>SUNG EUCHARIST</b> (President Fr Geoff and preacher Jamie Wareham)	9.30am
			Evening Prayer	6.00pm

## NOTICES

ULLERN CHAMBERCHOIR FROM OSLO will be giving a concert of Norwegian music, including traditional folk music and contemporary church music. The concert will start at 6 pm and will include some organ music played by their conductor. There is no charge but there will be a retiring collection for our church. Please come and tell your friends and neighbours about it. During this short tour the choir will also be performing at St Paul's and Southwark Cathedrals.

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.

MORNING PRAYER in Lady Chapel will not be held between 9 and 26<sup>th</sup> May.

INSIDE STREET PARTY – Sunday, 3 June. The Social Committee is planning this. There is a list at the back of the church. Please sign this to indicate the type of food you will be bringing. You do not need to specify the precise item(s) we just need an indication that we will have a balance of savoury and sweet dishes.

NEXT WEEK IS PENTECOST SUNDAY, and Christians Across Watford have organised a "flame run", with a flame being taken around the Churches in Watford. The flame will be arriving here at 9.25am, and there will be a short service (5min). Please can you try to arrive early next week, so that there is a congregation to welcome the flame and the people bringing it, and take part in the prayers.

WEST WATFORD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION is launching the "Four a day way" this week, information on [www.fouradayway.org](http://www.fouradayway.org) (printouts available on the "Wider Community" notice board).

FINAL COPY DATE FOR THE JUNE SWORD is MIDDAY next Sunday, 27 May. Hard copy or floppy disc to Dennis Beach or email to [dhbeach@sky.com](mailto:dhbeach@sky.com).

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

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.