



# THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

*St Michael and All Angels*

Watford

St MARY MAGDALENE

Sunday 22 July 2012

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist, Fr George celebrates and preaches. Paul Chandler leads the intercessions.

**Hymns: 137, 534 (t. 424), 109 and 160**

**Setting: Aston**

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

(The Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church will be using the church 12 – 2.30 pm)

There is a Baptism at 3.00pm

Evening Prayer in the Lady Chapel at 6.00pm.

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

- The Church:** The Parish of Markyate Street in our Diocese.  
L'Eglise Episcopal du Rwanda, Archbishop Onesphore Rwaje and the people of the Diocese.  
Sports Chaplains, and spiritual care for those attending and competing in the Olympics.  
Church Army's Senior Management Team and Board Members.
- The World:** The safety of all involved in the Olympics.  
Our public and emergency services.

**The Community and Parish:** Our young people as they finish school for the year or leave school.  
Margaret Millar, Methodist Minister, and Dick Lewis, vicar of Christchurch, whose farewells are this week.  
Our Stewardship of resources.

**The Ill and the Housebound:** Especially Bruce Alexander, 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:** Lavinia Carey.

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**Collect**

Almighty God,  
whose Son restored Mary Magdalene to health of mind and body  
and called her to be a witness to his resurrection:  
forgive our sins and heal us by your grace,  
that we may serve you in the power of his risen life;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**FIRST READING Song of Solomon 3.1–4**

A reading from the book of the Song of Solomon.

- <sup>1</sup> Upon my bed at night I sought him whom my soul loves; I sought him, but found him not; I called him, but he gave no answer.
- <sup>2</sup> 'I will rise now and go about the city, in the streets and in the squares; I will seek him whom my soul loves.' I sought him, but found him not.
- <sup>3</sup> The sentinels found me, as they went about in the city. 'Have you seen him whom my soul loves?'
- <sup>4</sup> Scarcely had I passed them, when I found him whom my soul loves. I held him, and would not let him go until I brought him into my mother's house, and into the chamber of her that conceived me.

**SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 5.14–17**

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

- <sup>14</sup> The love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died.
- <sup>15</sup> And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.
- <sup>16</sup> From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way.
- <sup>17</sup> So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

## **GOSPEL John 20.1–2, 11–18**

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

<sup>1</sup> Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb.

<sup>2</sup> So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, ‘They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.’

<sup>11</sup> But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb;

<sup>12</sup> and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet.

<sup>13</sup> They said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping?’ She said to them, ‘They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.’

<sup>14</sup> When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus.

<sup>15</sup> Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?’ Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, ‘Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.’

<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, ‘Mary!’ She turned and said to him in Hebrew, ‘Rabbouni!’ (which means Teacher).

<sup>17</sup> Jesus said to her, ‘Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, “I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.”’

<sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, ‘I have seen the Lord’; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

## THIS WEEK

Mon	23	July	Toddlers' Group	10.00 – 11.30am
Wed	25	July	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
			Special open meeting of PCC (see Notices below)	7.55pm
Thur	26	July	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
Fri	27	Jul	Funeral	11.00am
Sun	29	July	<b><u>TRINITY 8</u></b>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff)	8.00am
			<b>SUNG EUCHARIST</b> (President and preacher: Fr Geoff)	9.30am
			including the Baptism of Nigel Parry-Jones.	
			Followed by a Bring-&-Buy Sale.	
			Evening Prayer	6.00pm

## NOTICES

EMMAUS: Please give your completed form to Father Geoff as soon as you can so that he can start planning the Emmaus course. He will be happy to talk to you about the course if you have any queries.

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

WEDNESDAY 25TH JULY, 7.55pm: Special visit to the PCC of the Diocesan Stewardship Officer, Geoff Fletcher. Please would all PCC members make every effort to attend this important meeting together with any others of the congregation who can be available.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

31 July            Intercessory Prayer Group at 2.30 pm in the Choir Vestry  
(Valerie Alvarez)

6 August            Pause at 7.30 pm at the Vicarage  
(Vicki Matthews or Fr Geoff)

20 August           Bible Study at 8 pm (Violet Allen Smith)

Everyone is very welcome to attend any of these groups. If you would like further information please ask the person named above.