



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

10 February 2013

We wish you a warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Sung Eucharist, Fr Geoff celebrates and Jamie Wareham preaches. Sylvia Moring leads the intercessions

Hymns: 474, 2, 523 and 299

Setting: White

Tea and coffee will be served in church after the 9.30 service and this is followed at 11.15 am with our monthly service of Thanksgiving and Praise – please stay on.

(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church 1.00 – 5.00pm)

Evening Prayer in Lady Chapel at 6.00pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Parish of Biggleswade in our Diocese.

The Diocese of Madurai-Ramnad (South India), The Rt Revd Asirwadham Christopher Asir.

The Churches of Bangladesh.

The World: The victims of violent extremism.

Minority ethnic cultural and religious groups facing persecution.

Events taking place for National Marriage Week.

The Community and Parish: Residents and Staff at St Anthony's care home, and Home Manor.

The Revd Tony Rindl, being inducted as Vicar of St Mary's.

Littlebury Children's Centre.

The Ill and the Housebound: Especially Bruce Alexander, Jean and Robert Caton. Peter Coley, Bill and Marion Craddock-Jones, Jean Crouch, Pam Hart, Ben Heath, Jessie Hobby, Jenny Houghton, Audrey Jaquest, Mary Kearns, Lesley Kinch, Loretta Lynch, Jacqui Lyons, Maggie Maguire, Dorcas Ochola, Brian O'Riordan, Helen Perry, Myrtle Powell, Christina and David Simon, Eric and Anne Wightman.

The Departed: Trevor Hutchinson,

Collect

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross:

give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and for ever.

FIRST READING Exodus 34.29–35

A reading from the book of Exodus.

- ²⁹ Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God.
- ³⁰ When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him.
- ³¹ But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them.
- ³² Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai.
- ³³ When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face;
- ³⁴ but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded,
- ³⁵ the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 3.12 – 4.2

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

- ¹² Since we have such a hope, we act with great boldness,
- ¹³ not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside.

- 14 But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside.
- 15 Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; 16 but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed.
- 17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.
- 18 And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.
- 1 Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart.
- 2 We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

GOSPEL Luke 9.28–36

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

- 28 Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray.
- 29 And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white.
- 30 Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him.
- 31 They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.
- 32 Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him.
- 33 Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' Peter did not know what he said.
- 34 While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud.
- 35 Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!'
- 36 When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And the disciples kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

THIS WEEK

Mon	11	Feb	Toddlers' Group	10.00 - 11.30am
			Emmaus (Vicarage)	1.00pm
			Publicity Committee	7.30pm
Tue	12	Feb	NO Emmaus course (Induction of the Revd Tony Rindl as Vicar of St Mary's)	
Wed	13	Feb	ASH WEDNESDAY	
			Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes	10.00am
			Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
			Service at Home Manor	3.00pm
			(Wedding rehearsal	6.00pm)
			Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes	7.30pm
			Centenary Group meeting	8.30pm
Thu	14	Feb	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			St Anthony's	morning
			Wedding	1.00pm
			Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
Sun	17	Feb	LENT 1	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST: President: Fr George, Preacher: Violet	
			Allen-Smith	9.30am
			Baptism	3.00pm
			Compline with devotional talk	6.00pm

NOTICES

DETAILS of LENT PROGRAMMES for 2013 are available at the back of the church with a sign-up list for the course book - "Christ in the Wilderness", by Stephen Cottrell. This can be ordered from Fr Geoff for £6.89.

LENT COLLECTING BOXES for the Church Army are available at the back of church. The theme is "giving" rather than "giving up" for Lent.

SWORD SUBSCRIPTIONS for 2013 are now due. Valerie Alvarez has kindly agreed to collect subscriptions for the coming year. The cost of Sword is 60p per month. If you pay for the year in advance an annual subscription for 12 issues will be £6.00, thus giving you 12 issues for the price of 10! If you don't subscribe at present and would like to take out a new annual subscription, please see Dennis Beach.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

2 March: Lent Lunch and Bring-and-Buy Sale in aid of mission. Delicious homemade soup served by St Michael's Brownies followed by bread and cheese.. Bargains for sale. An occasion not to be missed – make a note of the date now. Sale starts at 11.30 am; lunch served from 12 noon.

10 March: Mothering Sunday. The service will be at 10.30 am. Please note.