



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

PALM SUNDAY

24 March 2013

A warm welcome to everyone to our services today.

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

We all meet outside the main west door for the beginning of the Palm procession.

There is a special service book including the first THREE hymns and the Passion Gospel; remaining hymns are 112 and 127.

Setting: Missa Seraphica.

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

(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church

1.00 – 5.00pm)

Evening Prayer is at 6.00pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Parish of Colney Heath in our Diocese.

The Diocese of Jerusalem, Suheil Dawani its Bishop and its people.

Christians in Bangladesh.

The World: Persecuted Christians.

Peace for the people of Jerusalem and the Holy Land.

All people unjustly imprisoned or denied human and civil rights.

The Community and Parish: All departed former worshippers.

Our Church's work of service to the community.

All Christians taking part in the Good Friday Walk of Witness.

The Ill and the Housebound: Especially Bruce Alexander, Jean and Robert

Caton. Peter Coley, Bill and Marion Craddock-Jones, Jean

Crouch, Pamela Cutler, Ben Heath, Jessie Hobby, Jenny

Houghton, Audrey Jaquest, Mary Kearns, Lesley Kinch, Loretta

Lynch, Jacqui Lyons, Maggie Maguire, Audrey Morgan, Dorcas

Ochola, Mark Pritchard, Brian O'Riordan, Helen Perry, Myrtle

Powell, Christina and David Simon, and Anne Wightman.

The Departed: Peter Prigmore, Valerie Batchelor.

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love towards the human race
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross:
grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility,
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;
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.
Amen.

READING Philippians 2.5–11

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with
God as something to be exploited,
⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human
likeness. And being found in human form,
⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death –
even death on a cross.
⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is
above every name,
¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and
on earth and under the earth,
¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the
glory of God the Father.

**Today's Gospel is the Passion Narrative According to St Luke
and is found in the service booklets.**

PRINCIPAL HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES 2013

Monday and Tuesday 25/26 March

8.00 pm Compline and Meditation (Lady Chapel)

Wednesday – 27 March

8.00 pm Compline and Meditation (Vicarage)

Maundy Thursday – 28 March

10.00am Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)

8.00 pm Eucharist of the Last Supper and Stripping of the Altar
followed by Watch Through the Night

Good Friday – 29 March

12 noon Stations of the Cross

1.00 pm The Second Hour of the Cross

2.00 pm Good Friday Liturgy

Holy Saturday – 30 March

9.00 pm Service of Light

Easter Day – 31 March

8.00 am Holy Communion

9.30 am Sung Eucharist & Blessing of Easter Garden

6.00 pm Evening Prayer



`THIS WEEK

Principal service times for this week are on the inside page

Mon	25	Mar	Toddlers' Group	10.00 – 11.30am
Wed	27	Mar	Coffee in Church (Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church)	10.30am-12 noon 5.00 – 10.30pm)
Thur	28	Mar	MAUNDY THURSDAY (see inside) (Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church) Choir Practice	1.00 – 5.00pm) 7.00 – 8.00pm)
Fri	29	Mar	GOOD FRIDAY (see inside)	
Sat	30	Mar	HOLY SATURDAY (see inside)	
Sun	31	Mar	<u>EASTER DAY</u> Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST (President: Fr Geoff)	9.30am
			Evening Prayer	6.00pm

NOTICES

LENT COLLECTING BOXES for the Church Army are available at the back of church. The boxes and their contents should be returned to the church on Easter Sunday.

MAUNDY THURSDAY WATCH: As usual we hope to keep the watch in the Lady Chapel throughout the night on Maundy Thursday. There are still some hours vacant, please sign the list on the table by the Mildred Avenue door if you are able to join the watch for part of the time.

FINAL COPY DATE FOR THE APRIL SWORD is MIDDAY today Sunday, 24 March. Hard copy to Dennis Beach or email to dhbeach@sky.com.

EASTER LEAFLETS: There are still some leaflets available which give details of the Easter services being held in West Watford. The leaflets also have details of our Centenary activities during the next months. Please help to deliver these leaflets by taking some and signing the list indicating where you will deliver them. Thank you.

FOOD BANK: St Michael's is to become a depot for a food bank in West Watford. There will shortly be a list of the items of food that can be included in the food parcels that are given out and if you would like to donate any of these items please bring them to church and put them in the box at the west end. Further details will be in the April Sword.

EASTER FLOWERS: It is our custom to invite people to make a donation towards the Easter flowers, perhaps in memory of a loved one. If you would like to do this, please give your donation to Fay Storey or Jean Alexander. If you are able to gift aid your donation it should go in one of the white gift aid envelopes.