



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

EASTER DAY

31 March 2013

A warm welcome to our services today and a very happy Easter to you all. At the 9.30 am Eucharist the Easter Garden is blessed; Fr Geoff celebrates and preaches and Vicki Matthews leads the intercessions.

Hymns: 156/157, 147, 137 and 160.

Setting: Rawsthorne

Coffee and tea will be served in church after the 9.30 service – please stay on.

Evening Prayer at 6.00pm in the Lady Chapel.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Parish of Dean in our Diocese.

All those being baptised and/or confirmed at Easter.

The Anglican Church in Zambia.

The World: Peace and Justice in our nation and world.

New life and hope for those who are anxious or depressed.

Help for children with autism and their families.

The Community and Parish: Residents and staff at Fairhaven care home.

People who have been recently bereaved.

Members of our Church family preparing for confirmation.

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:

Collect

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity.

FIRST READING Acts 10.34–43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

- 34 Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius: ‘I truly understand that God shows no partiality,
35 but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.
36 You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all.
37 That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced:
38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.
39 We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree;
40 but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear,
41 not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.
42 He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead.
43 All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.’

SECOND READING I Corinthians 15.19–26

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

- 19 If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.
20 But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

- 21 For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead
has also come through a human being;
22 for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ.
23 But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those
who belong to Christ.
24 Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father,
after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power.
25 For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.
26 The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

GOSPEL Luke 24.1–12

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

- 1 On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had
accompanied Jesus came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had
prepared.
2 They found the stone rolled away from the tomb,
3 but when they went in, they did not find the body.
4 While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes
stood beside them.
5 The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the
men said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is
not here, but has risen.
6 Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee,
7 that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and
on the third day rise again.'
8 Then they remembered Jesus' words,
9 and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the
rest.
10 Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the
other women with them who told this to the apostles.
11 But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe
them.
12 But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the
linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had
happened.

THIS WEEK

Mon	1	Apr	<i>Bank Holiday</i> NO Toddlers' Group	
Wed	3	Apr	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
Thur	4	Apr	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			Fairhaven	morning
			Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
Sun	7	Apr	<u>EASTER 2</u>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST (President and Preacher: Fr Geoff)	9.30am
			Baptism of Jaydew Capon	2.00pm
			Baptism of Amelia Williams	3.00pm
			United Service at Trinity Methodist	

NOTICES

THE NEW ELECTORAL ROLL is displayed at the back of church. Please check your entry and report any errors to Fr Geoff. Anyone who wishes to be on the roll and didn't sign a new form can have their name added after the Annual Meetings.

LENT COLLECTING BOXES: Please return the boxes and their contents to church today or as soon as possible..

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 are 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.

A COFFEE MORNING AND CRAFT FAIR will be held in church on Saturday, 20 April 2013, from 10.30 am to 12 noon. There will also be a bring-and-buy table and any cakes, preserves, food and other items which can be sold will be most welcome. Anyone who would like a table to sell any craft work on this occasion should contact Father Geoff (01923 232460). There are posters and handbills to display and distribute at the back of the church. All the proceeds will go towards church funds.

ANNUAL MEETINGS: These are to be held on Wednesday, 24 April 2013. Before that date the secretary needs nominations for churchwardens, PCC members, and sidespeople. Jean Alexander will provide the appropriate nomination forms.