



# THE MESSANGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

*St Michael and All Angels*

Watford

**EASTER 2**  
7 April 2013

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist Fr Geoff celebrates and preaches and Pat Beach leads the intercessions.

**Hymns: 380 (omit \*s), 174 (t248), 138 and 609.**

**Setting: Rawsthorne**

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

Baptism of Jaydew Capon at 2.00pm.

Baptism of Amelia Williams at 3.00pm.

United Evening Service at Trinity Methodist at 6.30pm.

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

**The Church:** The Parish of East Barnet in our Diocese.

The Diocese of Mumias in Kenya, Beneah Salah its Bishop and all its people.

The Anglican Church in the Diocese of the Amazon, Brazil.

**The World:** Healthcare in the Developing World.

The people of Syria.

International aid workers.

**The Community and Parish:** Residents and Staff at River Court, Home Manor, and St Anthony's.

Our friends at Trinity Methodist Church.

All who hold office or positions of responsibility in our Church family.

**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:**

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**Collect**

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification:

grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth;

through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**FIRST READING Acts 5.27–32**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

- <sup>27</sup> When the temple police had brought the apostles, they made them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying,
- <sup>28</sup> ‘We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man’s blood on us.’
- <sup>29</sup> But Peter and the apostles answered, ‘We must obey God rather than any human authority.
- <sup>30</sup> The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree.
- <sup>31</sup> God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.
- <sup>32</sup> And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.’

**SECOND READING Revelation 1.4–8**

A reading from the book of Revelation.

- <sup>4</sup> John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne,
- <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood,
- <sup>6</sup> and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.
- <sup>7</sup> Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.
- <sup>8</sup> ‘I am the Alpha and the Omega,’ says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

## GOSPEL John 20.19–31

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

- <sup>19</sup> It was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.'
- <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.
- <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'
- <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.
- <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'
- <sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.
- <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'
- <sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.'
- <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.'
- <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!'
- <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'
- <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book.
- <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

## THIS WEEK

Mon	8	Apr	Toddlers' Group	10.00 – 11.30am
			Service at River Court	3.00pm
Tue	9	Apr	Pause at 134 Mildred Avenue	7.30pm
Wed	10	Apr	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
			Service at Home Manor	3.00pm
Thur	11	Apr	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			St Anthony's	morning
			Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
Sun	14	Apr	<b><u>EASTER 3</u></b>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff)	8.00am
			<b>SUNG EUCHARIST</b> (President and Preacher: Fr Geoff)	<b>9.30am</b>
			Simple Eucharist	11.15am
			(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church)	1.00-5.00pm
			Evening Prayer	6.00 pm

## NOTICES

EASTER IN CHURCH: Thank you to everyone who has played a part in preparing and decorating the church for this Eastertide. Because of the weather conditions recently it has been very difficult to purchase suitable blooms for Easter Day. Greenery in the garden has also been damaged by the cold. We hope that circumstances will improve during the remainder of the Easter season and for the Confirmation Service at the end of the month.

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 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.

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.