



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

EASTER 3
14 April 2013

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist Fr Geoff celebrates and preaches and Valerie Alvarez leads the intercessions.

Hymns: 409, 150, 137 and 524(i).

Setting: Rawsthorne

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

There will be a Simple Eucharist at 11.15am

Evening Prayer at 6.00pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Parish of Essendon in our Diocese
The Diocese of Namibia, Nathaniel Nakwatumbah and Petrus
Hilukiluah its bishops, and all its people
The Anglican Church in Malaysia

The World: The safety of those attending Baroness Thatcher's funeral
A lessening of tension between North Korea and other countries.
People with Parkinsons Disease

The Community and Parish: The Chase Care Centre
Our work with Watford Food Bank
Planned social events at St Michaels

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, Anne Wightman and
Andrew Williams.

The Departed: David James Bowers, Michael John Briers, Elspeth Kydd,
Margaret Thatcher.

Collect

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord:

give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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.

FIRST READING Acts 9.1–6

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

- ¹ Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest
² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.
³ Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him.
⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?'
⁵ He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.
⁶ But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.'

SECOND READING Revelation 5.11–14

A reading from the book of Revelation.

- ¹¹ I, John, looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands,
¹² singing with full voice, 'Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!'
¹³ Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, 'To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might for ever and ever!'
¹⁴ And the four living creatures said, 'Amen!' And the elders fell down and worshipped.

GOSPEL John 21.1–19

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

- ¹ Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way.
- ² Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples.
- ³ Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.
- ⁴ Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.
- ⁵ Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.'
- ⁶ He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish.
- ⁷ That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake.
- ⁸ But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.
- ⁹ When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread.
- ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.'
- ¹¹ So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn.
- ¹² Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord.
- ¹³ Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.
- ¹⁴ This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.
- ¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.'
- ¹⁶ A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.'
- ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.'
- ¹⁸ Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.'
- ¹⁹ He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God. After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

THIS WEEK

Mon	15	Apr	Toddlers' Group	10.00 – 11.30am
			Social Committee (Vicarage)	7.30pm
Tue	16	Apr	Service at the Chase Care Centre	2.30pm
Wed	17	Apr	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
			(Evensong at St Albans Abbey)	5.00pm
Thur	18	Apr	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
Sat	20	Apr	Coffee Morning and Craft Fair (in Church)	10.30am-12noon
Sun	21	Apr	<u>EASTER 4</u>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST (President and Preacher: Fr Geoff)	9.30am
			SIX O'CLOCK SERIES	6.00 pm

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.

ON THIS COMING WEDNESDAY, 17th APRIL, there is an evensong at St Albans Abbey at 5.00pm for clergy celebrating a special anniversary of ordination, including Fr Geoff, whose 25th anniversary is this year. Members of St Michaels are very welcome to attend.

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

FOOD BANK: There is 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 next 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. Agendas are available in the North Aisle.

CONFIRMATION SERVICE: On Sunday, 28 April 2013, the Bishop of St Albans will once again be coming to St Michaels, this time for a Centenary Confirmation Service which will include Holy communion. Please make every effort to come to this, support our candidates and meet the Bishop. Refreshments will be served.

MORNING PRAYER: There will be no 9.00am Morning Prayer during this week