



# THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

*St Michael and All Angels*

Watford

**EASTER 6**  
**ROGATION SUNDAY**  
5 May 2013

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist Fr Geoff celebrates and preaches and Sylvia Moring leads the intercessions.

**Hymns: 502, 359, 411 and 626**

**Setting: Rawsthorne**

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

Joint Evening Service at St Michael's is at 6.00pm.

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

**The Church:** The Parish of Harlington in our Diocese.  
The Diocese of Newcastle, Martin Wharton and Francis White, its Bishops, and all its people.

Anglican Christians in Myanmar (Burma).

**The World:** People with hearing problems.

Midwives and nurses working in maternity facilities.

The work of the Red Cross.

**The Community and Parish:** Our newly elected Councillors.

Residents and staff at Home Manor and St Anthony's.

The Guild of Servants of the Sanctuary.

**The Ill and the Housebound:** Especially Bruce Alexander, Janet Bridge, 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:**

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**COLLECT**

God our Father,  
you never cease the work you have begun  
and prosper with your blessing all human labour:  
make us wise and faithful stewards of your gifts  
that we may serve the common good,  
maintain the fabric of our world  
and seek that justice where all may share the good things you pour upon us;  
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 16.9–15**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

- <sup>9</sup> During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.'
- <sup>10</sup> When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.
- <sup>11</sup> We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis,
- <sup>12</sup> and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days.
- <sup>13</sup> On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there.
- <sup>14</sup> A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul.
- <sup>15</sup> When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

**SECOND READING Revelation 21.10, 22 – 22.5**

A reading from the book of Revelation.

- <sup>10</sup> In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.
- <sup>22</sup> I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb.

23 And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb.  
24 The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it.  
25 Its gates will never be shut by day – and there will be no night there.  
26 People will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations.  
27 But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s book of life.  
1 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb  
2 through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.  
3 Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him;  
4 they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.  
5 And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

## **GOSPEL John 14.23–29**

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

Jesus said to his disciples:

23 ‘Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.  
24 Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.  
25 I have said these things to you while I am still with you.  
26 But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you.  
27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.  
28 You heard me say to you, “I am going away, and I am coming to you.” If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I.  
29 And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.’

## THIS WEEK

Mon	6	May	<i>Bank Holiday</i> NO Toddlers' Group (Rehearsal of Radlett Choral Society	evening) 7.30pm
Tue	7	May	Pause (134 Mildred Ave)	10.30am-12 noon
Wed	8	May	Coffee in Church Service at Home Manor The Guild of Servants of the Sanctuary	3.00pm 7.30pm
Thur	9	May	ASCENSION DAY Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language) St Anthony's Sung Eucharist	10.00am morning 7.30pm
Sat	11	May	(RSCM Examinations (Radlett Choral Society rehearsal CONCERT BY RADLETT CHORAL SOCIETY	morning) afternoon) 7.30pm
Sun	12	May	<b><u>SUNDAY after ASCENSION</u></b> Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George) <b>SUNG EUCHARIST</b> (President: Fr Geoff; Preacher: Violet Allen-Smith Baptism Renewal Evening Prayer	8.00am <b>9.30am</b> 11.15am 6.00pm

## NOTICES

CENTENARY CONCERT to be given by Lise Christensen and Michael Bracegirdle on 31 May 2013 in St Michael's. Music from opera and musical theatre. Finger buffet served after the music. Tickets £10 from Sylvia Moring (01923 231917).

CONCERT BY RADLETT CHORAL SOCIETY 11 May at 2013 at 7.30 pm. Help with serving refreshments (wine, tea, coffee and fruit juice) is needed. Please see Sylvia.

VOLUNTEERS needed to serve tea, coffee and biscuits for Deanery Synod at St Michael's on 22 May from 7.30 – 8 pm.

THE WATFORD AFRICAN CARIBBEAN ASSOCIATION will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Independence of Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago with a special service on 26<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30am followed by refreshments. There will not be a 9.30am service on that day.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES: It is the time of year when these are emptied and the collection sent to the Society. If you have one please bring it in to Norma Twitchin to be emptied.

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.