



# THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

*St Michael and All Angels*

Watford

**PALM SUNDAY**

**13 April 2014**

A warm welcome to everyone to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist, Fr Geoff celebrates and Phil Gough 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 Passion Gospel.**

**Hymns: 433/128, 119, 279 (omit \*s) and 122 (ii)**

**Setting: Missa Seraphica**

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

The Service of Thanksgiving and Praise is a Simple Eucharist at 11.15am

Tonight at 6.00pm there will be a performance of Stainer's "Crucifixion" by an augmented St Michael's Choir. Please come along.

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

**The Church:** The Parish of Roxton in our Diocese.

The Diocese of Jerusalem: Suheil Dawani its Bishop and all its People.

All persecuted Christians.

**The World:** Peace in the Holy Land and the Middle East.

Dialogue, peace and harmony between people of different faiths.

Prisoners of conscience.

**The Community and Parish:** A faithful and prayerful Holy Week.

All our visitors at this time.

Our friends of the Jewish faith celebrating Passover.

**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, Audrey Dixon, Sandra Fullerton, Jenny Houghton, Owen Hutchinson, Audrey Jaquest, Mary Kearns, Lesley Kinch, Loretta Lynch, Jacqui Lyons, Audrey Morgan, Dorcas Ochola, Brian O'Riordan, Helen Perry, Mark Pritchard, Christina and David Simon, Mark Simon, Pauline White and Anne Wightman.

**The Departed:**

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**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.**

**FIRST READING Isaiah 50.4–9a**

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The servant of the LORD said:

- 4 The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may  
know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he  
wakens – wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.
- 5 The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not  
turn backwards.
- 6 I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who  
pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.
- 7 The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be  
put to shame;
- 8 he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us  
stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.
- 9 It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

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

# PRINCIPAL HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES 2014

## **Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday – 14-16 April**

8.00 pm Eucharist in the Lady Chapel, with short reflection

## **Maundy Thursday – 17 April**

10.00 am Holy Communion

8.00 pm Eucharist of the Last Supper with Washing of Feet

Stripping of the Altars

followed by Maundy Watch overnight

## **Good Friday – 18 April**

12.00 noon – 3.00 pm The Last Three Hours

12-1 pm Stations of the Cross

1-2 pm The Second Hour at the Cross

2-3 pm Good Friday Liturgy

## **Easter Eve – 19 April**

9.00 pm Service of Light

## **Easter Day – 20 April**

8.00 am Holy Communion

9.30 am Parish Family Eucharist, Blessing of Easter Garden and Baptism

6.00 pm Evening Prayer



## THIS WEEK

**Principal service times for this week are on the inside page**

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|------|----|-----|--|-----------------|
| Mon  | 14 | Apr | Toddlers' Group                                | 10 – 11.30am    |
| Wed  | 16 | Apr | Coffee in Church                               | 10.30am-12 noon |
| Thur | 17 | Apr | <u>MAUNDY THURSDAY</u> (see inside)            |                 |
|      |    |     | Choir Practice                                 | 7.00 – 8.00pm   |
| Fri  | 18 | Apr | <u>GOOD FRIDAY</u> (see inside)                |                 |
| Sat  | 19 | Apr | <u>EASTER EVE</u> (see inside)                 |                 |
| Sun  | 20 | Apr | <u>EASTER DAY</u> (see inside) NO Messy Church |                 |

## NOTICES

ELECTORAL ROLL: The revised Electoral Roll is displayed on the notice board. Please check your entry for any errors or omissions and inform Fr Geoff or a churchwarden if there are any inaccuracies. Additional names can be added any time after the Annual Meetings on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April.

VOLUNTEERS needed for Thursday footwashing & Watch, Holy Saturday readings at Service of Light.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS: please note the annual report and accounts will be distributed electronically. A list is available at the rear of the church which please sign if you do not have the facility to receive the report electronically and would like a hard copy – *Jean Alexander, PCC Secretary*

LENT COLLECTING BOXES for the Church Army are available at the back of church and by the Lady Chapel. These should be returned by Easter Sunday.

MAUNDY THURSDAY WATCH: As usual we hope to keep the watch in the Lady Chapel throughout the night on Maundy Thursday. 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.

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.

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.