



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

EASTER DAY
20 April 2014

A very Happy Easter to everyone and a warm welcome to our services today. At the 9.30 am Eucharist the Easter Garden is blessed, Fr Geoff celebrates and preaches and Kristine Jenkins leads the intercessions.

Hymns: 159/137, 147, 162 and 160

Setting: Rawsthorne

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

Evening Prayer is at 6.00 pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: That the Easter messages of the Church leaders may be inspiring and encouraging.

All our fellow Christians celebrating Easter across the world.

That the Church may be a sign of peace, hope and reconciliation.

The World: New life and hope for people who are despairing.

Peace between nations, peoples, and faiths.

All those working for dialogue and reconciliation where there is conflict.

The Community and Parish: The schools in our parish; their staff, pupils and families.

Renewed faith in the presence of our Risen Lord among us.

That the message of new life in Christ may be heard more clearly through the way we live our lives.

The Ill and the Housebound: Especially Bruce Alexander, Janet Bridge, Jean and Robert Caton, Peter Coley, Marion Craddock-Jones, 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: Bill Craddock-Jones and Jean Crouch.

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 Colossians 3.1–4

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

- 1 If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.
- 2 Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth,
- 3 for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.
- 4 When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

GOSPEL Matthew 28.1–10

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

- 1 After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb.
- 2 And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it.
- 3 His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow.
- 4 For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men.
- 5 But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified.
- 6 He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.
- 7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.'
- 8 So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples.
- 9 Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him.
- 10 Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

THIS WEEK

Mon	21	Apr	<i>Bank Holiday</i> NO Toddlers' Group (restart 5 th May)	
Tue	22	Apr	Intercessory Prayer Group (Choir Vestry) Wedding Rehearsal	2.30pm 7.00pm
Wed	23	Apr	Coffee in Church and Food Bank	10.30-12 noon
Thur	24	Apr	Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
Sat	26	Apr	Wedding	1.30pm
Sun	27	Apr	<u>EASTER 2</u> Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff) SUNG EUCHARIST (President and Preacher: Fr George) followed by a Bring-&-Buy Sale Evening Prayer	8.00am 9.30am 6.00pm

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 Henry Moring if there are any inaccuracies. Additional names can be added any time after the Annual Meetings on Tuesday 29th April.

BILL CRADDOCK-JONES: It is with sadness that we report the death of Bill Craddock-Jones, the funeral will be on Monday 28th April at 11.00 am in church. This will be followed by refreshments in the Multicultural Centre. (This is a change to the arrangements announced last Sunday.)

FINAL COPY DATE FOR THE MAY SWORD is next Sunday 27th April. Hard copy or floppy disc to Rob White or email to robwhite.watford@tiscali.co.uk.

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. Please return these today or next week if possible.

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: Don't forget that we are still collecting. There is a list at the back of church of the items of food that can be included in the food. 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.

EASTER FLOWERS: It is our custom to invite people to make a donation towards the Easter flowers, perhaps in memory of a loved one. Thank you to everyone who has made a donation and helped to make our church look beautiful this Easter morning.