



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

EASTER 2
27 April 2014

A warm welcome to our services today.

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

Hymns: 143 (ii), 491 (i), 138 and 148

Setting: Rawsthorne

Coffee and tea will be served in church after the 9.30 service and there will be a Bring-&-Buy Sale – please stay on.

(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church from 1.00 – 7.00pm)

(NO Evening Prayer tonight)

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Parish of Little Hadham in our Diocese.
The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East - Mouneer Hanna Anis President Bishop, Jerusalem & the Middle East.
The Church and people of South Africa.

The World: Provision for the care of elderly people.
The debate about whether our country is a Christian country.
The people of Syria, Ukraine, South Sudan, and other troubled areas.

The Community and Parish: Street Cleaners.
Residents and staff at Fairhaven care home.
Give thanks for all who work in different ways for the life of our Church.

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 Simon, Mark Simon, Pauline White and Anne Wightman.

The Departed: David Simon (Mark’s father).

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 2.14a, 22–32

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. On the day of Pentecost,

¹⁴ Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd,

²² ‘You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know –

²³ this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law.

²⁴ But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power.

²⁵ For David says concerning him, “I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope.

²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption.

²⁸ You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.”

²⁹ Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.

³⁰ Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne.

³¹ Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, “He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.”

³² This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.’

SECOND READING 1 Peter 1.3–9

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

4 and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven
for you,
5 who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to
be revealed in the last time.
6 In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various
trials,
7 so that the genuineness of your faith – being more precious than gold that, though
perishable, is tested by fire – may be found to result in praise and glory and honour
when Jesus Christ is revealed.
8 Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see
him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy,
9 for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

GOSPEL John 20.19–31

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

19 When 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.’
20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples
rejoiced when they saw the Lord.
21 Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send
you.’
22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy
Spirit.
23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any,
they are retained.’
24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when
Jesus came.
25 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.’
26 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.’
27 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.’
28 Thomas answered him, ‘My Lord and my God!’
29 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.’
30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not
written in this book.
31 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	28	Apr	NO Toddlers' Group (restart 5 th May)	
			Funeral of Bill Craddock-Jones (in church)	11.00am
			Messy Church Meeting	8.00pm
Tue	29	Apr	Eucharist in Lady Chapel	7.00pm
			ANNUAL MEETINGS (in Church)	
			Annual Vestry Meeting	7.45pm
			Annual Parochial Church Meeting	8.00pm
Wed	30	Apr	Coffee in Church and Food Bank	10.30-12 noon
Thur	1	May	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			Fairhaven	morning
			Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
Sun	4	May	<u>EASTER 3</u>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST (President and Preacher: Fr Geoff)	9.30am
			Joint Evening Service at St Michael's	6.00pm

NOTICES

ANNUAL MEETINGS: These are to be held on TUESDAY, 29 April 2014 in church. Before that date the secretary needs nominations for churchwardens, PCC members, and sidespeople. Jean Alexander will provide the appropriate nomination forms. Agenda for the meetings are on a table in the north aisle.

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. Anyone who wishes to be added to the roll can have their name added after the Annual Meetings. Only persons on the Electoral Roll can vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

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

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 parcels. 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.