



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

EASTER 4
11 May 2014

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist Fr Geoff celebrates; Violet Allen Smith preaches and Pat Beach leads the intercessions.

Hymns: 492, 594, 453 and 599

Setting: Rawsthorne

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

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

(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church 1.00-7.00pm)

NO Evening Prayer tonight.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Parish of Aspenden in our Diocese.
The Anglican Church of Korea; Paul Kim - Primate of the Anglican Church of Korea and Bishop of Seoul.
The Anglican Church in Tanzania.

The World: The work of Christian Aid and its supporters.
Abducted children in Nigeria and their families.
Sufferers from Asthma.

The Community and Parish: Christian Aid collections and events in Watford.
Residents and Staff at Home Manor.
The people working on repairs to our Church building.

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: Molly Sharp.

Collect

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Acts 2.42–47

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Many were baptized and were added to the community.

42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

43 Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles.

44 All who believed were together and had all things in common;

45 they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need.

46 Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts,

47 praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

SECOND READING I Peter 2.19–25

A reading from the first letter of Peter. Brothers and sisters:

19 It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly.

20 If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval.

21 For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

22 'He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.'

23 When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly.

- 24 He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.
- 25 For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

GOSPEL John 10.1–10

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

Jesus said to the Pharisees:

- 1 ‘Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit.
- 2 The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep.
- 3 The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.
- 4 When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice.
- 5 They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.’
- 6 Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.
- 7 So again Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep.
- 8 All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them.
- 9 I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture.
- 10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.’

THIS WEEK

Mon	12	May	<i>CHRISTIAN AID WEEK</i>	
			Toddlers' Group	10 – 11.30am
			Pastoral Care Group (Vicarage)	7.30pm
Wed	14	May	Coffee in Church and Food Bank	10.30-12 noon
			Home Manor	3.00pm
Thur	15	May	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			Followed by Coffee Morning for Mothers' Union	
			Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
Sun	18	May	<u>EASTER 5</u>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST (President and Preacher: Fr Geoff)	9.30am
			Messy Church	2.30pm
			Six O'Clock Series – Healing Service	6.00pm

NOTICES

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK starts today. St Michael's is no longer able to do a street collection for Christian Aid but if you would like to contribute to this worthy cause envelopes are available at the back of Church for your donation and these can be placed in the collecting box.

PCC COMMITTEES: there are handouts available to explain the various PCC Committees. There are sign-up lists at the back of Church for people to sign to join any of these committees.

LENT COLLECTING BOXES: Thank you to those who made a donation to the Church Army via the Lent Collecting boxes. 13 boxes were returned and a sum of £145.87 was contributed. If you still have a box at home any further donations would be gratefully received.

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 food as well as acting as a distribution centre. 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.