

Happening in church this week..

Monday	5.30pm - Evening Prayer
Wednesday	10am-12noon - Coffee morning and Foodbank 5.30pm - Eucharist
Friday	5.30pm - Evening prayer
Sunday	9.30am - Sung Eucharist

Celebrating Our Community - this week we shine two spotlights on Gill and Martin Heath and the team who got the church ready for Maundy Thursday

Martin and Gillian Heath for your faithful service during Lent and beyond, warmly hosting thoughtful and uplifting sessions that enriched our spiritual journey.

To those who cleaned the brass and generally got the church looking magnificent for Maundy Thursday and also to the server team who were very dignified in stripping the altar of its ornamentation.

*Thank
you!*

If you would like to shine a spotlight on someone, please email **halfsentence@gmail.com** with their name and a brief explanation.

First Aid Kits

Outside the clergy vestry.
In the ladies toilet.

Baby Changing

In the ladies toilet

Every donation that is made to **SAINT MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS PCC WATFORD** is gratefully received.

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Account 70409448.

Gift Aid? Please contact a warden.

Thank you very much!

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THE MESSENGER



EASTER DAY

Sunday 20th April
2025

Welcome to our Service. At communion, there will be a chalice on your left for those who wish to receive by drinking, and on your right for those who wish to receive by dipping their wafer in the wine. You are also welcome to just receive the bread.

Hymns

for this Sunday
are:

147

Jesus Christ is
risen today

136

Alleluia, alleluia,
give thanks

166

Crown him with
many crowns

160

Thine be the
glory

In your prayers this week:

The Church

Bishop's Stortford (Bishop's Stortford) Drevwyn Williams, (PTO's) Derek Hinge, June Knight.

ACP: Anglican Church of Hong Kong

The World

Christians around the world facing persecution.

All humanitarian workers risking their lives in service to others.

All living in areas of conflict and with the effects of environmental disasters.

The Community and Parish

Our two parish reps Julie and Elizabeth and all involved with welcoming the Vicar candidates.

Our electoral roll officer Simon Fowle as our electoral roll is revised.

Mercy Ships and their faith based vision to deploy hospital ships to the poorest countries in the world.

Public service workers working over the holiday period

All schools as they begin the summer term and exam season.

The Ill and the Housebound

Especially Jean Alexander, Julie Alvarez, Janet Chandler, Mihai Fezariu, Jemima Hill, Owen Hutchinson, Sylvia Obeng, Valerie O'Riordan, Morris Parbhu, Matthew Paterson, Rocco and Sonny Pigott, Josephine Stadden, Catherine Stone, Fay Storey, Adelaide Tonkin, Allan Warren and all who care for them.

The Departed

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

1 Corinthians 15. 19-26

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

GOSPEL

Luke 24.1-12

The Resurrection of Jesus

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.' Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.