

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 a spotlight on Henry Moring

We celebrate your loyal service over the years in keeping the church heated by controlling the boilers and ensuring their maintenance. Not forgetting your many many years in producing the Messenger to enrich our worship.

Happy 90th Birthday Henry from all your friends at St Michael's.

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.

Code 20-91-79

Account 70409448.

Gift Aid? Please contact a warden.

Thank you very much!

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St Michael & All Angels,
Watford

THE MESSENGER



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT PASSION SUNDAY

Sunday 6th
April 2025

Welcome to our All Age 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:

558

Praise to the Lord
the Almighty

542

Oh love that wilt
not let me go

622

Will you come
and follow me

123

There is a green
hill far away

In your prayers this week:

The Church

Eaton Socon (Biggleswade) Timothy Robb;(PTOs) George Cobb, David Miller, Ray Porter, (R) John Wood and the restoration of their Vicar's health.

ACP: Anglican Church of Chile

The World

Praying for those affected by conflict and environmental disasters. May leaders make compassionate decisions for reconciliation and rebuilding. Gratitude for the skills and courage of aid workers.

The Community and Parish

Gratitude for the faithful service of our chalice administrators. Thankfulness for our young people and their eagerness to share Jesus's teachings and reflect God's love. Our Watford town council and all council employees

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

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 43. 16-21

Thus says the Lord,
 who makes a way in the sea,
 a path in the mighty waters,
who brings out chariot and horse,
 army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
 they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
Do not remember the former things,
 or consider the things of old.
I am about to do a new thing;
 now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
 and rivers in the desert.
The wild animals will honour me,
 the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
 rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
 the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

GOSPEL

John 12.1-8

Mary Anoints Jesus

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'