



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

PALM SUNDAY

24 March 2024

We are now able to receive the wine 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.

A warm welcome to our Service today. We all meet outside the main west door for the beginning of the Palm procession.

There is a special service booklet.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Parish of Potten End in our Diocese
The Church of the Province of West Africa
Those who lead Emmaus and Alpha Courses.

The World: The people of Israel and Gaza
Vaughan Gething, the new First Minister of Wales
The elimination of Racial Discrimination.

The Community and Parish: Chater Junior School
Musicians who play in our Church
All who work voluntarily for our Church.

The Ill and the Housebound: Especially Jean Alexander, Violet Allen-Smith, Julie Alvarez, Janet Chandler, Jemima Hill, Owen Hutchinson, Andrew Kiddle, Lisa Mills, Brian O'Riordan, Valerie O'Riordan, Josephine Stadden, Catherine Stone, Fay Storey, Adelaide Tonkin, and all who care for them.

The Departed: Norma Moore

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love towards the human race
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross:
grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility,
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with
you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

FIRST READING Isaiah 50.4–9a

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The servant of the LORD said:

- 4 The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may
know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he
wakens – wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.
- 5 The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not
turn backwards.
- 6 I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who
pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.
- 7 The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be
put to shame;
- 8 he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us
stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.
- 9 It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Today's Gospel is the Passion Narrative According to St Mark.

PRINCIPAL HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES 2024

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday – 25, 26, 27 March

7.30 pm Eucharist

Maundy Thursday – 29 March

10.00 am Eucharist

7.30 pm Sung Eucharist

Good Friday – 29 March

12-1 pm Stations of the Cross

2-3 pm Good Friday Liturgy

Holy Saturday – 30 March

7.30 pm Service of Light

Easter Day – 31 March

9.30 am Parish Eucharist for Easter Day



Our service today is available to attend in person
or via livestream on our YouTube channel
“St Michael’s Church Watford”

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8GTX0MfiICGmcDUkXTGFSw>

The 10.00am Eucharist each Thursday is available to attend in person, and livestreamed.

The Church will be open for tea and coffee on Wednesday mornings from 10.00am – 12.00 noon.

British Summer Time starts next Sunday 31st March. Don’t forget to put your clocks forward by one hour.

Norma will be having a Bring-and-Buy Sale after the 9.30 service next Sunday, 31st March. Please come and support.

Electoral Roll

The Electoral Roll is now open for updating and will remain so until 7th April.

If you are on the Roll and any of your contact details have changed, please let me know.

If you are not on the Roll but would like to be added, please complete a form which can be found in the Electoral Box by the servery and return it to Fr Geoff or to me no later than April 7th.

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