



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

EASTER DAY
Sunday 9 April 2023

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 very happy Easter to you all.

Hymns for Easter Day: 147 Jesus Christ is Risen today, 153 Now the green blade riseth, 157 The Day of Resurrection, 160 Thine be the glory

For your prayers this week:

The Church: A blessed Easter for all our brothers and sisters in Christ.
Church leaders and their Easter Messages.
Persecuted Christians.

The World: All stateless people and refugees.
People living under warfare and conflict.
The peace of the world.

The Community and Parish: A happy Easter for the people of St Michael's.
Members of our congregation not able to get here.
All those joining us via the internet.

The Ill and the Housebound: Especially Jean Alexander, Violet Allen-Smith, Julie Alvarez, Janet Chandler, Jemima Hill, Kristine Jenkins, Lisa Mills, Josephine Stadden, Catherine Stone, Fay Storey, Adelaide Tonkin, Andrew Watford, 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 Acts 10.34–43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

- 34 Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius. ‘I truly understand that God shows no partiality,
35 but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.
36 You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all.
37 That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced:
38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.
39 We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree;
40 but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear,
41 not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.
42 He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead.
43 All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.’

SECOND READING Colossians 3.1–4

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

- ¹ If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.
- ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth,
- ³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.
- ⁴ When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

GOSPEL Matthew 28.1–10

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

- ¹ After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb.
- ² And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it.
- ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow.
- ⁴ For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men.
- ⁵ But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified.
- ⁶ He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.
- ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.'
- ⁸ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples.
- ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him.
- ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

Our service today for Easter Day 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 on Thursdays is also 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.

On Wednesday morning we will be having “Coffee with a cop”, arranged by our local Police, to enable people from our community to meet their neighbourhood police officer.

On Saturday 6th May we will be showing the Coronation in Church, and there will be a Children’s workshop on that day as well. Bring your own lunch. We are also planning a “Bring and Share Lunch” over lunchtime in Church on Sunday 7th May.

Church Electoral Roll

The Church Electoral Roll will be open for revision between 23rd April and the 9th May 2023. Being registered on the Roll primarily allows you to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM), which this year, is being held on Wednesday 24th May.

If you would like to be added to the Roll, please fill in an application form (to be found near the main doors to the Church). If you are on the Roll but have changed your contact details (address, telephone number or email address) in the last 12 months please contact Simon Fowle on 01923 229624 or email simon.fowle@ntlworld.com or speak to the Vicar or either of the Churchwardens.

The revised Roll will be published on the 10th May 2023 and will then be closed until after the APCM.

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