



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

EASTER DAY
Sunday 31 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 very Happy Easter to everyone and a warm welcome to our services today. Hymns for Sunday are: 147 Jesus Christ is risen today, 153 Now the green blade riseth, 137 Alleluia, Alleluia, hearts to heaven and voices raise, 160 Thine be the glory.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: Church leaders preparing Easter Sermons
All those celebrating Easter with across the world
All those who will be prevented in any way from taking part in Easter celebrations.

The World: Peace in our world
People who have been recently bereaved
Orthodox Christians celebrating Easter on May 5th.

The Community and Parish: All those preparing for baptism
Our children and young people
All who worship with us online.

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:

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 I Corinthians 15.1–11

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

- ¹ I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand,
² through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you – unless you have come to believe in vain.

- 3 For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received:
that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures,
4 and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in
accordance with the scriptures,
5 and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.
6 Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one
time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died.
7 Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.
8 Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.
9 For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I
persecuted the church of God.
10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not
been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them – though
it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.
11 Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to
believe.

GOSPEL Mark 16.1–8

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

- 1 When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of
James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him.
2 And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they
went to the tomb.
3 They had been saying to one another, ‘Who will roll away the stone for us
from the entrance to the tomb?’
4 When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had
already been rolled back.
5 As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe,
sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed.
6 But he said to them, ‘Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of
Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look,
there is the place they laid him.
7 But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee;
there you will see him, just as he told you.’
8 So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had
seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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.

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

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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There will be a quiz night here on the 29th June. Please save the date. More details to follow.