



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

SUNDAY after ASCENSION/EASTER 7
1 June 2014

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist Fr George celebrates and preaches. Jamie Wareham leads the intercessions.

Hymns: 380, 172, 165 and 423 (i)

Setting: Rawsthorne

Coffee and tea will be served in church after the 9.30 service – please stay on.

Baptism at 12 noon

ANIMAL BLESSING SERVICE at 3.00pm (see Notices)

Evening Prayer is at 6.00pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: Hospital Chaplains in our Diocese.

Leaders of Pilgrim, Emmaus and Alpha Courses.

People volunteering with the “Journey with Us” programme of Us.

The World: Protection of women against “honour killings” in Pakistan and elsewhere.

The kidnapped girls in Nigeria.

A peaceful and just resolution to the crisis in Ukraine.

The Community and Parish: Our Messy Church planning team.

Our planned quiet day.

Residents and staff at River Court and Fairhaven.

The Ill and the Housebound: Especially Bruce Alexander, Janet Bridge, Jean and

Robert Caton, Peter Coley, Marion Craddock-Jones, Pamela Cutler,

Audrey Dixon, Sandra Fullerton, Jenny Houghton, Owen

Hutchinson, Audrey Jaquest, Mary Kearns, Lesley Kinch, Loretta

Lynch, Jacqui Lyons, Audrey Morgan, Dorcas Ochola, Brian

O’Riordan, Helen Perry, Mark Pritchard, Christina Simon, Mark

Simon, Pauline White and Anne Wightman.

The Departed: Roy Chandler (Paul’s father);

Gwen Godier (Jill Kiddle’s godmother).

Collect

O God the king of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Acts 1.6–14

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

- ⁶ When the apostles had come together, they asked him, ‘Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?’
- ⁷ He replied, ‘It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority.
- ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’
- ⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.
- ¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them.
- ¹¹ They said, ‘Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.’
- ¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away.
- ¹³ When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James.
- ¹⁴ All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

SECOND READING I Peter 4.12–14; 5.6–11

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

- ¹² Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.

- ¹³ But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed.
- ¹⁴ If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.
- ⁶ Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time.
- ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you.
- ⁸ Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour.
- ⁹ Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering.
- ¹⁰ And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you.
- ¹¹ To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL John 17.1-11

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

- ¹ Jesus looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you,
- ² since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him.
- ³ And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.
- ⁴ I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do.
- ⁵ So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.
- ⁶ I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.
- ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me is from you;
- ⁸ for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me.
- ⁹ I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours.
- ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.
- ¹¹ And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.'

THIS WEEK

Mon	2	June	Toddlers' Group	10 – 11.30am
			Messy Church Planning Group	8.00pm
Tue	3	June	Mission Committee (Clergy Vestry)	10.30am
			Service at River Court	3.00pm
Wed	4	June	Coffee in Church and Food Bank	10.30-12 noon
Thur	5	June	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			Fairhaven	morning
			Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
Sun	8	June	PENTECOST	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST (President and Preacher: Fr Geoff)	9.30am
			Simple Eucharist	11.15am
			(The Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church	1.00 – 5.00pm)
			Evening Prayer	6.00pm

NOTICES

ANIMAL BLESSING SERVICE: This is here at St Michael's today Sunday (1 June) at 3 pm. All animals welcome (or their photograph) together with their owners.

PCC COMMITTEES: there are handouts available to explain the various PCC Committees. There are sign-up lists at the back of Church for people to sign to join any of these committees.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK: Please return any envelopes with contributions as soon as possible. Thank you.

LENT COLLECTING BOXES: Thank you to those who made a donation to the Church Army via the Lent Collecting boxes. If you still have a box at home any further donations would be gratefully received.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES: It is the time of year when these are emptied and the collection sent to the Society. If you have one please bring it in to Norma Twitchin to be emptied.

FOOD BANK: Don't forget that we are still collecting food as well as acting as a distribution centre. There is a list at the back of church of the items of food that can be included in the parcels. If you would like to donate any of these items please bring them to church and put them in the box at the west end.