



# THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

*St Michael and All Angels*

Watford

**PENTECOST**

**8 June 2014**

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist Fr Geoff celebrates and preaches. Kristine Jenkins leads the intercessions.

**Hymns: 175, 178, 383 and 191**

**Setting: Rawsthorne**

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

The 11.15 Service is a Simple Eucharist.

(The Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church 1.00 – 5.00pm)

Evening Prayer is at 6.00pm.

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## **For your prayers this week:**

**The Church:** The Parish of Goff's Oak in our Diocese.  
La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico – Francisco Moreno, Presiding Bishop.

The US-supported work of the Anglican Church in Brazil.

**The World:** D-Day veterans, and those who lost family members.  
Those who look after homeless people.

Awareness of, and support for, the carers in our communities.

**The Community and Parish:** All who help maintain our buildings.  
Residents and staff at Home Manor and St Antony's.  
The work of reaching out to our wider Church family and community.

**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:** Mollie Parles; Doris Gardner.

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**Collect**

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:  
grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;  
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**FIRST READING Numbers 11.24–30**

A reading from the book of Numbers.

- <sup>24</sup> Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent.
- <sup>25</sup> Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.
- <sup>26</sup> Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp.
- <sup>27</sup> And a young man ran and told Moses, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.'
- <sup>28</sup> And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, 'My lord Moses, stop them!'
- <sup>29</sup> But Moses said to him, 'Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!'
- <sup>30</sup> And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

**SECOND READING Acts 2.1–21**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

- <sup>1</sup> When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.
- <sup>2</sup> And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.
- <sup>3</sup> Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.
- <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.
- <sup>5</sup> Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem.
- <sup>6</sup> And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.
- <sup>7</sup> Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?
- <sup>8</sup> And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?

<sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia,  
Pontus and Asia,  
<sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and  
visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,  
<sup>11</sup> Cretans and Arabs – in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s  
deeds of power.’  
<sup>12</sup> All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, ‘What does this mean?’  
<sup>13</sup> But others sneered and said, ‘They are filled with new wine.’  
<sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, ‘Men of  
Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I  
say.  
<sup>15</sup> Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the  
morning.  
<sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:  
<sup>17</sup> “In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see  
visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.  
<sup>18</sup> Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy.  
<sup>19</sup> And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood,  
and fire, and smoky mist.  
<sup>20</sup> The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of  
the Lord’s great and glorious day.  
<sup>21</sup> Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”’

## **GOSPEL John 20.19–23**

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

<sup>19</sup> It was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the  
disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among  
them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’  
<sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples  
rejoiced when they saw the Lord.  
<sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send  
you.’  
<sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy  
Spirit.  
<sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any,  
they are retained.’

## THIS WEEK

Mon	9	June	Toddlers' Group Estates Committee, Choir Vestry	10 – 11.30am 8.00pm
Tue	10	June	Publicity Committee, Choir Vestry	8.00pm
Wed	11	June	Coffee in Church and Food Bank Home Manor	10.30-12 noon 3.00pm
Thur	12	June	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language) Choir Practice	10.00am 7.00 – 8.30pm
Sat	14	June	Memorial Service for David Simon	11.00am
Sun	15	June	<b><u>TRINITY SUNDAY</u></b> Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George) <b>SUNG EUCHARIST</b> (President: Fr Geoff and Preacher: Martin Heath) Messy Church	8.00am <b>9.30am</b> 2.30pm

## NOTICES

**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.

**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.

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

**Saturday, 21 June** The Alban Pilgrimage 2014. Download Alban Pilgrimage Information Booklet from Cathedral website to find out more.

**Saturday, 2 August** St Michael's Parish Quiet Day at Burnham Abbey. See June *Sword*.

**Monday, 25 August** St Albans Diocese celebrating 100 years of service at a day of fun and praise at The College Equestrian Centre, Keysoe.