



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY SUNDAY

15 June 2014

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Sung Eucharist Fr Geoff celebrates and Martin Heath preaches. John Adams leads the intercessions.

Hymns: 202, 520, 200 (t347) and 267

Setting: Rawsthorne

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

Messy Church is at 2.30pm.

Evening Prayer is at 6.00pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The parish of Chalgrave in our Diocese.
The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma): Stephen Than Myint Oo - Archbishop of Myanmar and Bishop of Yangon.
The ministry of the Churches in India among the marginalised.

The World: The people of Iraq.
People suffering from Motor Neurone Disease.
The work of the RSPCA.

The Community and Parish: Our Mothers' Union Members.
Our PCC members.

All people in our area who use the Foodbank.

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: Walter Smith.

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity:

keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities;

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.

FIRST READING Isaiah 40.12–17, 27–31

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

¹² Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand and marked off the heavens with a span, enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance?

¹³ Who has directed the spirit of the LORD, or as his counsellor has instructed him?

¹⁴ Whom did he consult for his enlightenment, and who taught him the path of justice? Who taught him knowledge, and showed him the way of understanding?

¹⁵ Even the nations are like a drop from a bucket, and are accounted as dust on the scales; see, he takes up the isles like fine dust.

¹⁶ Lebanon would not provide fuel enough, nor are its animals enough for a burnt-offering.

¹⁷ All the nations are as nothing before him; they are accounted by him as less than nothing and emptiness.

²⁷ Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, 'My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God'?

²⁸ Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.

²⁹ He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.
³⁰ Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted;
³¹ but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 13.5, 11–13

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

⁵ Examine yourselves to see whether you are living in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not realise that Jesus Christ is in you? - unless, indeed, you fail to pass the test!
¹¹ Brothers and sisters, put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.
¹² Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.
¹³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

GOSPEL Matthew 28.16–20

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

¹⁶ The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them.
¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted.
¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.
¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

THIS WEEK

Mon	16	June	Toddlers' Group	10 – 11.30am
			Pastoral Care Group (Vicarage)	7.30pm
Wed	18	June	Coffee in Church and Food Bank	10.30-12 noon
			PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL	7.55pm
Thur	19	June	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
Fri	20	June	Funeral of Walter Smith (in Church)	12.00 noon
Sun	22	June	<u>TRINITY 1</u>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST (President: Fr Geoff and Preacher: Violet Allen-Smith)	9.30am
			Open Planning meeting for Christmas Fair	11.15am
			(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church	1.00pm – 5.00pm)
			Evening Prayer	6.00pm

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.

WE ARE PREPARING story bags for use in Sunday School, and we would be grateful if anyone would like to sew up a drawstring bag or two. Further details on size, materials, construction etc from Jane Talbot

MAINTENANCE WORK: From time to time there is a need for small maintenance jobs to be done in the church. Is anyone willing to have their name put on a list of people who would be willing to be approached to see if they could tackle any such work? It may be that you know someone whom you ask to do work at your home. If so would you be willing to give their contact details. Kristine Jenkins would like to hear from anyone who could help.

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.