



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

ST PETER AND ST PAUL

29 June 2014

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Sung Eucharist the Rev'd Guy Buckler celebrates and preaches. Phil Gough leads the intercessions.

Hymns: 207, 325 (ii), 368 and 430

Setting: Rawsthorne

Coffee and tea will be served in church after the 9.30 service and there is a Bring-&-Buy Sale – please stay on.

Evening Prayer is at 6.00pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The parish of Toddington in our Diocese.
The Church of North India (United); Philip Marandih - Moderator of CNI & Bishop of Patna .
The Anglican Church in Egypt.
Everyone being ordained in the Petertide ordinations.

The World: People serving in our Armed Forces.
All refugees and displaced people.

The Community and Parish: Our Churchwardens Violet and Kristine.
The thanksgiving service for Fr George's ministry taking place today in Kisumu, Kenya.
Staff and residents 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, 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: James Vaughan (Ann Jones' uncle).

Collect

Almighty God,
whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul
glorified you in their death as in their life:
grant that your Church,
inspired by their teaching and example,
and made one by your Spirit,
may ever stand firm upon the one foundation,
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 Zechariah 4.1–6a, 10b–14

A reading from the book of the prophet Zechariah.

- ¹ The angel who talked with me came again, and wakened me, as one is wakened from sleep.
- ² He said to me, ‘What do you see?’ And I said, ‘I see a lampstand all of gold, with a bowl on the top of it; there are seven lamps on it, with seven lips on each of the lamps that are on the top of it.
- ³ And by it there are two olive trees, one on the right of the bowl and the other on its left.’
- ⁴ I said to the angel who talked with me, ‘What are these, my lord?’
- ⁵ Then the angel who talked with me answered me, ‘Do you not know what these are?’ I said, ‘No, my lord.’
- ⁶ He said to me,
- ¹⁰ ‘These seven are the eyes of the LORD, which range through the whole earth.’
- ¹¹ Then I said to him, ‘What are these two olive trees on the right and the left of the lampstand?’
- ¹² And a second time I said to him, ‘What are these two branches of the olive trees, which pour out the oil through the two golden pipes?’
- ¹³ He said to me, ‘Do you not know what these are?’ I said, ‘No, my lord.’
- ¹⁴ Then he said, ‘These are the two anointed ones who stand by the Lord of the whole earth.’

SECOND READING Acts 12.1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

About that time

¹ King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church.

² He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword.

³ After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.)

⁴ When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover.

⁵ While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him.

⁶ The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison.

⁷ Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, 'Get up quickly.' And the chains fell off his wrists.

⁸ The angel said to him, 'Fasten your belt and put on your sandals.' He did so. Then he said to him, 'Wrap your cloak around you and follow me.'

⁹ Peter went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision.

¹⁰ After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him.

¹¹ Then Peter came to himself and said, 'Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.'

GOSPEL Matthew 16.13-19

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

¹³ When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?'

¹⁴ And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.'

¹⁵ He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?'

¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.'

¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven.

¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.

¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.'

THIS WEEK

Mon	30	June	Toddlers' Group	10 – 11.30am
Tue	1	July	Service at River Court	3.00pm
Wed	2	July	Coffee in Church and Food Bank	10.30-12 noon
Thur	3	July	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language) (Pres: Rev'd Neil Kelley)	10.00am
			Fairhaven	morning
			Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
Sat	5	July	Marriage Blessing	12 noon
Sun	6	July	TRINITY 3 Holy Communion (Pres: Rev'd Neil Kelley)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST	9.30am
			(President and Preacher: Rev'd Angela Milton)	
			United Evening Service at Trinity Methodist	6.30pm

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.

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.

ST ALBANS DIOCESAN OFFICE is looking to appoint an Estates & Trusts Officer within the Estates Department at Holywell Lodge. Further details are available from the website at <http://stalbans.anglican.org/diocese/other-vacancies/> with a closing date of Friday 11 July.

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, 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.