



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 5
20 July 2014

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Sung Eucharist the Rev'd David Tuck celebrates and preaches. Sylvia Moring leads the intercessions.

Hymns: 558, 480, 276 (i) and 591

Setting: Aston

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

Messy Church is this afternoon 2.30 – 4.00 pm

Evening Prayer at 6.00 pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Episcopal Church in the Philippines The Most Revd Edward Pacyaya Malecdan Prime Bishop of the Episcopal Church in the Philippines.

Christians in Bangladesh.

The missionary societies that our church supports.

The World: Peace between Palestine and Israel.

The success of the Commonwealth Games opening in Glasgow on 23 July.

Relatives and friends affected by the shooting down of the Malaysian Airlines plane over the Ukraine.

The Community and Parish: Helpers and attenders at Messy Church.

Members of our Church family preparing for Marriage.

Teachers, helpers and pupils starting their summer holidays.

Fr Geoff, Fr George and Jenipher as they prepare to return to Watford this week.

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:

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified:

hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name;

through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Genesis 28.10–19a

A reading from the book of Genesis.

¹⁰ Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran.

¹¹ He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place.

¹² And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.

¹³ And the LORD stood beside him and said, 'I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring;

¹⁴ and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring.

¹⁵ Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.'

¹⁶ Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the LORD is in this place – and I did not know it!'

¹⁷ And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.'

¹⁸ So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it.

¹⁹ He called that place Bethel.

SECOND READING Romans 8.12–25

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

¹² Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh –
¹³ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!'

¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

¹⁷ and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ – if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

18 I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the
glory about to be revealed to us.
19 For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God;
20 for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one
who subjected it, in hope
21 that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the
freedom of the glory of the children of God.
22 We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now;
23 and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan
inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.
24 For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for
what is seen?
25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

GOSPEL Matthew 13.24–30, 36–43

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

24 Jesus put before the crowd another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared
to someone who sowed good seed in his field;
25 but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat,
and then went away.
26 So when the plants came up and bore grain then the weeds appeared as well.
27 And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good
seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?"
28 He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us
to go and gather them?"
29 But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with
them.
30 Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the
reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the
wheat into my barn."
36 Then Jesus left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him,
saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.'
37 He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man;
38 the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds
are the children of the evil one,
39 and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the
reapers are angels.
40 Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the
age.
41 The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of
sin and all evildoers,
42 and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and
gnashing of teeth.
43 Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone
with ears listen!

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THIS WEEK

Mon	21	July	Toddlers' Group	10 – 11.30am
Wed	23	July	Coffee in Church and Food Bank	10.30-12 noon
Thur	24	July	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language) (Pres: Rev Guy Buckler)	10.00am
			Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
Sun	27	July	<u>TRINITY 6</u> Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST (President Fr Geoff and Preacher Violet Allen-Smith)	9.30am
			(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church)	1.00 – 5.00pm)
			Evening Prayer	6.00pm

NOTICES

URGENT: now that Sunday School is operating, we are in need of story bags as soon as possible. We would be grateful if anyone would like to sew up a drawstring bag or two. The size, colour etc of the bags doesn't matter please. Clean shoe bags, that are not required any more are also suitable. Further details on 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 pay 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.

FINAL COPY DATE for August Sword is Sunday 27 July. Hard copy or floppy disc to Rob White or email to robwhite.watford@tiscali.co.uk

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* and sign list at the back of the church.

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