



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 7
3 August 2014

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Sung Eucharist Fr Geoff celebrates and preaches. Paul Chandler leads the intercessions.

Hymns: 278, 284(ii), 309 and 455

Setting: Aston

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

There is a baptism at 3.00 pm.

United Evening Service here at St Michael's at 6.00 pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Parish of St Michael and All Angels Waterford, in our Diocese.
The Scottish Episcopal Church; The Most Revd David Chillingworth
Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church.

The Nippon Sei Ko Kai (Anglican Church in Japan).

The World: The centenary of the start of World War 1.

All those whose lives are still affected by the 2011 Tsunami,
earthquake and nuclear accident in Japan.

Wisdom for the nations of the world in the handling of nuclear
energy and nuclear armaments.

All those bereaved by recent air disasters.

The Community and Parish: The residents and staff of River Court and Fairhaven.

The members of our Church family on holiday.

The Multicultural Community Centre.

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

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the
same;

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 Genesis 32.22–31

A reading from the book of Genesis.

²² Jacob got up, took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven
children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok.

²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise
everything that he had.

²⁴ Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak.

²⁵ When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck
him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he
wrestled with him.

²⁶ Then he said, 'Let me go, for the day is breaking.' But Jacob said, 'I
will not let you go, unless you bless me.'

²⁷ So he said to him, 'What is your name?' And he said, 'Jacob.'

²⁸ Then the man said, 'You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for
you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.'

²⁹ Then Jacob asked him, 'Please tell me your name.' But he said, 'Why
is it that you ask my name?' And there he blessed him.

³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, 'For I have seen God face to
face, and yet my life is preserved.'

³¹ The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his
hip.

SECOND READING Romans 9.1–5

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

- ¹ I am speaking the truth in Christ. I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit.
- ² I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart.
- ³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh.
- ⁴ They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises;
- ⁵ to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

GOSPEL Matthew 14.13–21

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

- ¹³ When Jesus heard that Herod had beheaded John the Baptist, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns.
- ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick.
- ¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.'
- ¹⁶ Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.'
- ¹⁷ They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.'
- ¹⁸ And he said, 'Bring them here to me.'
- ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds.
- ²⁰ And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full.
- ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

THIS WEEK

Mon	4	Aug	Toddlers' Group	10 – 11.30am
Tue	5	Aug	River Court Service	3.00pm
Wed	6	Aug	Coffee in Church and Food Bank	10.30-12 noon
Thur	7	Aug	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language) Fairhaven	10.00am morning
Sun	10	Aug	<u>TRINITY 8</u> Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George) SUNG EUCHARIST (President and Preacher: Fr George) NO 11.15 service this month Evening Prayer	8.00am 9.30am 6.00pm

NOTICES

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

LAST SUNDAY'S BRING-&-BUY raised £50.50. Many thanks to all contributors.

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.

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.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:

Monday, 25 August St Albans Diocese celebrating 100 years of service at a day of fun and praise at The College Equestrian Centre, Keysoe. The Watford Deanery is arranging a coach to go to Keysoe for this day. If you would like to know more about this, please see Fr Geoff as soon as possible.