



# THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

*St Michael and All Angels*

Watford

**TRINITY 8**  
**10 August 2014**

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Sung Eucharist Fr George celebrates and preaches. Graham Mordue leads the intercessions.

**Hymns: 411, 458, 467 and 437 (t.362)**

**Setting: Aston**

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

There is no 11.15 service this month.

(The Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church 1.00 – 5.00 pm)

Evening Prayer at 6.00 pm.

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

**The Church:** The Parish of Kings Walden in our Diocese.  
Church of the Province of South East Asia: The Most Revd Bolly Lapok Archbishop of South East Asia & Bishop of Kuching.  
The work of Us in sharing the concerns and experiences of the world Church.

**The World:** The campaign against modern day slavery.  
Persecuted religious groups in ISIS occupied areas of Iraq and Syria.  
A long term settlement between Israel and the Palestinians.

**The Community and Parish:** Residents and Staff at Home Manor and St Anthony's.  
The RAF Association.

Our treasurer and the team of people who look after our finances.

**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:** Rodney Wheatcroft (former head choirboy at St Michael's).

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**Collect**

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul;

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 37.1–4, 12–28**

A reading from the book of Genesis.

- 1 Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan.
- 2 This is the story of the family of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father.
- 3 Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves.
- 4 But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.
- 12 Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem.
- 13 And Israel said to Joseph, 'Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them.' He answered, 'Here I am.'
- 14 So he said to him, 'Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me.' So he sent him from the valley of Hebron. He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, 'What are you seeking?' 'I am seeking my brothers,' he said; 'tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock.'
- 16 The man said, 'They have gone away, for I heard them say, "Let us go to Dothan."' So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan.
- 18 They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him.
- 19 They said to one another, 'Here comes this dreamer.
- 20 Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams.'
- 21 But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, 'Let us not take his life.'
- 22 Reuben said to them, 'Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him' – that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father.
- 23 So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore;
- 24 and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.
- 25 Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt.
- 26 Then Judah said to his brothers, 'What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood?
- 27 Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.' And his brothers agreed.
- 28 When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

## SECOND READING Romans 10.5–15

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

- 5 Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that ‘the person who does these things will live by them.’
- 6 But the righteousness that comes from faith says, ‘Do not say in your heart, “Who will ascend into heaven?”’ (that is, to bring Christ down)
- 7 ‘or “Who will descend into the abyss?”’ (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).
- 8 But what does it say? ‘The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart’ (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim);
- 9 because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.
- 10 For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.
- 11 The scripture says, ‘No one who believes in him will be put to shame.’
- 12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him.
- 13 For, ‘Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’
- 14 But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him?
- 15 And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!’

## GOSPEL Matthew 14.22–33

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

- Immediately after feeding the crowd with the five loaves and two fish,
- 22 Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.
- 23 And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone,
- 24 but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them.
- 25 And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake.
- 26 But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, ‘It is a ghost!’ And they cried out in fear.
- 27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, ‘Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.’
- 28 Peter answered him, ‘Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.’
- 29 He said, ‘Come.’ So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus.
- 30 But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, ‘Lord, save me!’
- 31 Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, ‘You of little faith, why did you doubt?’
- 32 When they got into the boat, the wind ceased.
- 33 And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, ‘Truly you are the Son of God.’

## THIS WEEK

Mon	11	Aug	Toddlers' Group	10 – 11.30am
Tue	12	Aug	River Court Service	3.00pm
Wed	13	Aug	Coffee in Church and Food Bank	10.30-12 noon
			Service at Home Manor	3.00pm
Thur	14	Aug	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			St Anthony's	morning
Sun	17	Aug	<b><u>TRINITY 9</u></b>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff)	8.00am
			<b>SUNG EUCHARIST</b>	<b>9.30am</b>
			(President and Preacher: Fr Geoff)	
			NO Messy Church today	
			Evening Prayer	6.00pm

## NOTICES

DOES ANYONE HAVE a table-top easel for painting which they could give us? (It's for Marion Craddock-Jones, who wants to start painting again)

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.

### DATES 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.

Saturday, 13 September Historic Churches Sponsored Bike 'n Hike - volunteers needed for cycling, walking, and manning the church. Coffee morning in aid of The Children's Society, 10.30-12 noon.

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