



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

St BARTHOLOMEW
24 August 2014

A warm welcome to our services today.

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

Hymns: 546, 393, 562 and 323

Setting: Aston

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

(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church 1 - 5.00pm)

Evening Prayer at 6.00 pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Parish of Holy Trinity, Biscot, Luton, in our Diocese.
The Anglican Church of Southern Africa: The Most Revd Thabo Makgoba Archbishop of Capetown.

The Anglican Church in Madagascar.

The World: The people of Iraq, especially members of religious minorities.
Young people who have recently received A level and GCSE results.
All those threatened by the Ebola Virus.

The Community and Parish: The charities and organisations we support with our mission giving.

Those responsible for appointing a new Bishop of Hertford.

Our young people going on to new schools, further and higher education, and employment.

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

O almighty and everlasting God,
who gave to your apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to
preach your word:
grant that your Church,
may love that word which he believed,
and may faithfully preach and receive 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 Acts 5.12–16

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

- ¹² Many signs and wonders were done among the people through the apostles.
And they were all together in Solomon's Portico.
- ¹³ None of the rest dared to join them, but the people held them in high
esteem.
- ¹⁴ Yet more than ever believers were added to the Lord, great numbers of
both men and women,
- ¹⁵ so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on cots
and mats, in order that Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he
came by.
- ¹⁶ A great number of people would also gather from the towns around
Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and
they were all cured.

SECOND READING I Corinthians 4.9–15

A reading from the first letter from Paul to the Corinthians.

- 9 I think that God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, as though sentenced to death, because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to mortals.
- 10 We are fools for the sake of Christ, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honour, but we in disrepute.
- 11 To the present hour we are hungry and thirsty, we are poorly clothed and beaten and homeless,
- 12 and we grow weary from the work of our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure;
- 13 when slandered, we speak kindly. We have become like the rubbish of the world, the dregs of all things, to this very day.
- 14 I am not writing this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children.
- 15 For though you might have ten thousand guardians in Christ, you do not have many fathers. Indeed, in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel.

GOSPEL Luke 22.24–30

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

- 24 A dispute also arose among the twelve as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest.
- 25 But he said to them, 'The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors.
- 26 But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves.
- 27 For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.
- 28 You are those who have stood by me in my trials;
- 29 and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom,
- 30 so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.'
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THIS WEEK

Mon	25	Aug	BANK HOLIDAY St Albans Diocese celebrating 100 years of service at a day of fun and praise at The College Equestrian Centre, Keysoe NO Toddlers' Group	
Tue	26	Aug	Mission Committee (Vicar's Vestry)	10.30am
Wed	27	Aug	Coffee in Church and Food Bank	10.30-12 noon
Thur	28	Aug	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
Sun	31	Aug	<u>TRINITY 11</u> Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff) SUNG EUCHARIST (President and Preacher: Fr Geoff) followed by a Bring-&-Buy Sale Evening Prayer	8.00am 9.30am 6.00pm

NOTICES

THE LEPROSY MISSION is wanting to appoint a Regional Fundraising Co-ordinator. If you or anyone you know is interested please see Pat Beach. Applications have to be in by the end of August

QUIZ NIGHT in aid of "Possible Dreams International" Swaziland and "New Hope" Watford. September 6th 7pm St Michaels Church. Includes Ploughman's Supper. BYO liquid refreshment. Raffle and Jam sale. Tickets £6 per person or £44 for a team of 8. For tickets please contact Elizabeth Talbot by email on talbotelizabeth@yahoo.com or see Jane Talbot.

FINAL COPY DATE for September Sword is today, Sunday 24 August. Hard copy or floppy disc to Rob White or email to robwhite.watford@tiscali.co.uk

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:

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.