



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 11

31 August 2014

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Sung Eucharist Fr Geoff celebrates and preaches. Pat Beach leads the intercessions.

Hymns: 418, 489, 516 (i) and 621

Setting: Aston

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

Evening Prayer at 6.00 pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Parish of St Andrew, Luton (Grantley Finlayson's Parish).
The Anglican Church of the Southern Cone of America, The Most Revd Hector Zavala Muñoz, Presiding Bishop.
The Church of Bangladesh Social Development Programme, supported by Us.

The World: Low paid and vulnerable garment industry workers in Bangladesh.
Refugees from the fighting in Syria and Iraq.
All those working to protect children and young people from abuse.

The Community and Parish: Residents and Staff at River Court and Fairhaven.
Our PCC Members.

The young people from Swaziland who will be with us in September.

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, Audrey Morgan, Dorcas Ochola, Brian O'Riordan, Helen Perry, Mark Pritchard, Christina Simon, Mark Simon, Karen Stride and Anne Wightman.

The Departed:

COLLECT

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity; mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 Exodus 3.1–15

A reading from the book of Exodus.

- ¹ Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.
- ² There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed.
- ³ Then Moses said, 'I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.'
- ⁴ When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' And he said, 'Here I am.'
- ⁵ Then he said, 'Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.'
- ⁶ He said further, 'I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.
- ⁷ Then the LORD said, 'I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings,
- ⁸ and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites.
- ⁹ The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them.
- ¹⁰ So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.'
- ¹¹ But Moses said to God, 'Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?'
- ¹² He said, 'I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.'
- ¹³ But Moses said to God, 'If I come to the Israelites and say to them, "The God of your ancestors has sent me to you," and they ask me, "What is his name?" what shall I say to them?'
- ¹⁴ God said to Moses, 'I AM WHO I AM.' He said further, 'Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "I AM has sent me to you."'

¹⁵ God also said to Moses, ‘Thus you shall say to the Israelites, “The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you”: This is my name for ever, and this my title for all generations.’

SECOND READING Romans 12.9–21

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good;
¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour.
¹¹ Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord.
¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.
¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.
¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.
¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.
¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are.
¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all.
¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.
¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, ‘Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.’
²⁰ No, ‘if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.’
²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

GOSPEL Matthew 16.21–28

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

²¹ From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.
²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, ‘God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.’
²³ But he turned and said to Peter, ‘Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.’
²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, ‘If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.
²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.
²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?
²⁷ For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done.
²⁸ Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.’

THIS WEEK

Mon	1	Sep	Toddlers' Group	10 – 11.30am
			Pastoral Care Group (Vicarage)	7.30pm
Tue	2	Sep	Publicity Committee (Choir Vestry)	8.00pm
Wed	3	Sep	Coffee in Church and Food Bank	10.30-12 noon
			PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL	7.55pm
Thur	4	Sep	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
Fri	5	Sep	Craft Group (in church) – see Kristine Jenkins	2.00pm
Sat	6	Sep	Quiz Night (see Notices below)	7.00pm
Sun	7	Sep	<u>TRINITY 12</u>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST (President and Preacher: Fr Geoff)	9.30am
			United Service at Trinity Methodist	6.30pm

NOTICES

QUIZ NIGHT in aid of "Possible Dreams International" Swaziland and "New Hope" Watford. September 6th at 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.

A CRAFT GROUP is being set up to make and sew items for the Christmas Fair. If interested, please come to an initial meeting on Friday 5 September at 2 pm in church. Please see Kristine Jenkins to register your interest, even if you are unable to attend.

ON SUNDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER we have the Possible Dreams International Choir visiting from Swaziland. They will be joining us during the 09.30 service and at Messy Church. At 19.30 they will be performing a concert which will be followed by a play by Nuworks theatre from Australia who are supporting them. Tickets only cost £5. Please see flyers at the back of the church and/or see Jane Talbot for details.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Saturday, 13 September Church Open All Day. Heritage Open Day with WW1 Display. Historic Churches Sponsored Bike 'n Hike - volunteers needed for cycling, walking, and manning the church. If you are able to help greet visitors during the day in church please sign the list at the back of the church. Sponsors welcome.

Coffee morning in aid of The Children's Society, 10.30-12 noon.

25-28 September: Flower Festival at St Albans Cathedral at which St Michael's will have a display near the Altar. See September *Sword*.

28th September: Parish Lunch, 12.00 noon, tickets £7.00, you can buy one for yourself and buy another to give to a friend or give to the vicar for someone needy.

See the Churchwardens Kristine Jenkins or Violet Allen-Smith

Choral Evensong at 6.00 pm

5th October: Harvest Thanksgiving at 9.30 am; United Service here at 6.00 pm.

Beginning 6th October 2.30pm and 7th October, 8.00pm: monthly get together for "Discovering the Bible".