



# THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

*St Michael and All Angels*

Watford

**TRINITY 12**  
**7 September 2014**

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Sung Eucharist Fr Geoff celebrates and preaches. Sarah Dunning leads the intercessions.

**Hymns: 334, 428, 512 and 358**

**Setting: Rawsthorne**

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

There is a United Evening Service at Trinity Methodist at 6.30 pm..

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

**The Church:** The Parish of St Matthew High Town, Luton, in our Diocese.  
The Episcopal Church of the Sudan; The Most Revd Daniel Deng Bul Yak Archbishop.

The work of Us with church leadership in Pakistan.

**The World:** The work of Christian Aid with flood victims in India.

Protection from terrorist atrocities here and abroad.

Protection of Jewish people from anti-Semitism here and abroad.

**The Community and Parish:** The residents and staff of Home Manor and St Anthony's

All those who attend and lead Messy Church.

Local commemorations of the beginning of WWI.

**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:**

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**Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve:

pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask

but through the merits and mediation of 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 12.1–14**

A reading from the book of Exodus.

<sup>1</sup> The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt:

<sup>2</sup> This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you.

<sup>3</sup> Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household.

<sup>4</sup> If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it.

<sup>5</sup> Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats.

<sup>6</sup> You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight.

<sup>7</sup> They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it.

<sup>8</sup> They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs.

<sup>9</sup> Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs.

<sup>10</sup> You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn.

<sup>11</sup> This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD.

<sup>12</sup> For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements: I am the LORD.

<sup>13</sup> The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

<sup>14</sup> This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

## **SECOND READING Romans 13.8–14**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

<sup>8</sup> Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.

<sup>9</sup> The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'

<sup>10</sup> Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

<sup>11</sup> Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light;

<sup>13</sup> let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy.

<sup>14</sup> Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

## **GOSPEL Matthew 18.15–20**

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

Jesus spoke to his disciples.

<sup>15</sup> 'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one.  
<sup>16</sup> But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses.

<sup>17</sup> If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector.

<sup>18</sup> Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

<sup>19</sup> Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven.

<sup>20</sup> For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

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

## THIS WEEK

Mon	8	Sep	Toddlers' Group Estates Committee (Choir Vestry)	10 – 11.30am 8.00pm
Tue	9	Sep	(Bishop's meeting re Women Bishops, Lady Chapel at St Albans Cathedral Messy Church Planning (back of church)	2.00pm) 7.30pm
Wed	10	Sep	Coffee in Church and Food Bank Service at Home Manor	10.30-12 noon 3.00pm
Thur	11	Sep	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language) St Anthony's Choir Practice	10.00am morning 7.00 – 8.30pm
Fri	12	Sep	Setting up for Heritage Open Day tomorrow	7.00pm
Sat	13	Sep	<b>Church Open Day</b> – see Notices below (The Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church	RSCM examinations 6.00 – 11.00pm)
Sun	14	Sep	<b><u>HOLY CROSS DAY</u></b> Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff) <b>SUNG EUCHARIST</b> (President and Preacher: Fr Geoff) (The Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church Evening Prayer	8.00am <b>9.30am</b> 1.00-5.00pm) 6.00pm

## **NOTICES**

**NEXT 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. It would be good to support the sponsored Bike 'n Hike this year as St Michael's has received a grant of £5000 towards the repair work that has been done.

**Coffee morning** in aid of The Children's Society, 10.30-12 noon. Cakes, preserves and other items for sale most welcome.

**THE BRING - &- BUY SALE** last Sunday raised £53.60. Many thanks.

**ON SUNDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER** we have the Possible Dreams International Choir visiting from Swaziland. They will be joining us at the 09.30 service and at Messy Church. At 19.30 they will be giving a concert to 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:**

**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.

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