



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

EPIPHANY 2
18 January 2015

We wish you a warm welcome to our services today which is the first day of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

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

Hymns: 401, 233(i), 392, 470

Setting: Rawsthorne

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

Messy Church at 11.15am.

Evening Service at 6.00 pm. (NO United Service.)

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The unity and fellowship of all Christians.

The World Council of Churches.

Churches Together in Britain and Ireland.

The World: All those responsible for protecting us against terrorism.

Refugees and all those persecuted for their faith.

The Dalits and other disadvantaged people in India.

The Community and Parish: Our Parish Planning Awayday.

Our fellow Christians at Trinity Methodist Church and West Watford Free Church.

Churches Together in Central, South and West Watford.

The Ill and the Housebound: Especially Bruce Alexander, Tina Bennett, Janet

Bridge, Jean and Robert Caton, Peter Coley, Marion Craddock-Jones, Pamela Cutler, Audrey Dixon, Claire Dunning, 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, Anne Wightman and Daniel Williamson (age 3).

The Departed: Derrick Roberts.

Collect

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal
of our lives make known your heavenly glory;
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 I Samuel 3.1–10

A reading from the first book of Samuel.

- ¹ The boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.
- ² At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room;
- ³ the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was.
- ⁴ Then the LORD called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!'
- ⁵ and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down.
- ⁶ The LORD called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.'
- ⁷ Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.
- ⁸ The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy.
- ⁹ Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.
- ¹⁰ Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

SECOND READING Revelation 5.1–10

A reading from the book of Revelation.

- ¹ I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals;
- ² and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?'
- ³ And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it.

4 And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll
or to look into it.

5 Then one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of
Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its
seven seals.'

6 Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders
a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes,
which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth.

7 He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the
throne.

8 When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders
fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are
the prayers of the saints.

9 They sing a new song: 'You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for
you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every
tribe and language and people and nation;

10 you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will
reign on earth.'

GOSPEL John 1.43–51

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

43 The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him,
'Follow me.'

44 Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.

45 Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in
the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.'

46 Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to
him, 'Come and see.'

47 When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an
Israelite in whom there is no deceit!'

48 Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw
you under the fig tree before Philip called you.'

49 Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!'

50 Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig
tree? You will see greater things than these.'

51 And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the
angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

THIS WEEK

Mon	19	Jan	Toddlers' Group	10.00 – 11.30am
Wed	21	Jan	Coffee in Church and Food Bank	10.30am-12 noon
			United Service at Holy Rood Church (bring you own lunch)	1.00pm
			PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL	7.55pm
Thu	22	Jan	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
Sat	24	Jan	Parish Planning Awayday at Aldenham Parish Church	10am – 4pm
Sun	25	Jan	Conversion of St Paul (World Leprosy Day)	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST:	9.30am
			President and Preacher Fr Geoff	
			followed by a Bring-&-Buy Sale	
			(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church	1.00 – 5.00pm)
			United Service - Songs of Praise at Christchurch St Albans Road	4.00pm
			Burns Night Supper at the Vicarage	7.30pm

NOTICES

BURNS' NIGHT SUPPER AT THE VICARAGE on the evening of Sunday 25th January. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of church for anyone interested in attending.

PARISH AWAYDAY for planning, with John Kiddle is on 24th January. There are timetables and supporting information at the back of church together with a sign-up list.

FINAL COPY DATE for February Sword is next Sunday 25 January. Hard copy or floppy disc to Rob White or email to robwhite.watford@tiscali.co.uk

SWORD SUBSCRIPTIONS for 2015 are now due. Valerie Alvarez has kindly agreed to collect subscriptions for the coming year. The cost of Sword is 60p per month. If you pay for the year in advance an annual subscription for 12 issues will be £6.00, thus giving you 12 issues for the price of 10!

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:

27 January: Funeral of Ricky Vidler at 11.15 am in church. Everyone welcome

1 February: The preacher at the 9.30 service will be from The Leprosy Mission.

7 February: Coffee morning and Bring-and-Buy Sale in aid of Church Funds.

10.30 - 12 noon. Everyone welcome.

18 February: Ash Wednesday