



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 1

7 June 2015

We wish you a warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist Fr Geoff celebrates and preaches. Valerie Alvarez leads the intercessions.

Hymns: 621, 423 (i), 628 and 598 (i)

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

BIG LUNCH from noon (see Notices).

United Evening Service at Trinity Methodist at 6.30 pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Parish of Cheshunt in our Diocese.
The Dioceses of Ogbomoso and Ogoni in Nigeria, Matthew Osunade and Solomon Gberegbara the bishops and all the people.

Harmony between different faiths in India.

The World: The people of Nepal and the work of aid and reconstruction.
Elderly and vulnerable people receiving social care at home.
Our National Health Service.

The Community and Parish: Our neighbours and friends in the local community.

Abbot's Langley and King's Langley RAF Association.

Residents and staff at Home Manor and St Anthony's.

The Ill and the Housebound: Especially Bruce Alexander, Sonia Anderson, Tina Bennett, Janet Bridge, Jean and Robert Caton, Peter Coley, Marion Craddock-Jones, Pamela Cutler, Audrey Dixon, Claire Dunning, Sandra Fullerton, Sharon Goodwin, 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

○ God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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 8.4–11, 16–20

A reading from the first book of Samuel.

⁴ All the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah.
⁵ They said to him, ‘You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations.’
⁶ But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, ‘Give us a king to govern us.’ Samuel prayed to the LORD,
⁷ and the LORD said to Samuel, ‘Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them.
⁸ Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you.
⁹ Now then, listen to their voice; only – you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them.’
¹⁰ So Samuel reported all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking him for a king.
¹¹ He said, ‘These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots;
¹⁶ He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work.
¹⁷ He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves.
¹⁸ And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the LORD will not answer you in that day.’
¹⁹ But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, ‘No! but we are determined to have a king over us,
²⁰ so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles.’

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 4.13 – 5.1

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

¹³ Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture – ‘I
¹⁴ believed, and so I spoke’ – we also believe, and so we speak,
¹⁵ because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with
Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence.
¹⁶ Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more
people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.
¹⁷ So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner
nature is being renewed day by day.
¹⁸ For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory
beyond all measure,
¹⁹ because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can
be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.
²⁰ For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from
God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

GOSPEL Mark 3.20–35

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

²⁰ The crowd came together again, so that Jesus and his companions could not even
eat.
²¹ When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying,
‘He has gone out of his mind.’
²² And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, ‘He has Beelzebul, and by the
ruler of the demons he casts out demons.’
²³ And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, ‘How can Satan cast out
Satan?
²⁴ If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.
²⁵ And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand.
²⁶ And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end
has come.
²⁷ But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first
tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.
²⁸ Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they
utter;
²⁹ but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is
guilty of an eternal sin’ –
³⁰ for they had said, ‘He has an unclean spirit.’
³¹ Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and
called him.
³² A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, ‘Your mother and your
brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.’
³³ And he replied, ‘Who are my mother and my brothers?’
³⁴ And looking at those who sat around him, he said, ‘Here are my mother and my
brothers!
³⁵ Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.’

THIS WEEK

Mon	8	June	Toddlers' Group	10.00 – 11.30am
Wed	10	June	Food Bank	10.00am – 12 noon
			Coffee in Church	10.30am – 12 noon
			Service at Home Manor	3.00pm
			Messy Church planning	8.00pm
Thu	11	June	Holy Communion	10.00am
			St Anthony's	morning
			Choir Practice	<i>to be announced</i>
Sun	14	June	TRINITY 2	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST Sunday School	9.30am
			President and Preacher: Fr George	
			(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church	1.00 – 5.00pm)
			Evening Prayer	6.00pm

NOTICES

BIG LUNCH: Today, Sunday, 7 June 2015, St Michael's is to be one of many venues over the country that will be joining in the Big Lunch. This will be the third time we have done this and we have invited our neighbours who live in the roads near the church to join in a bring-and-share lunch. The lunch will start at 12 noon and people may arrive with their food from 11.30 am.

ARCHBISHOP JUSTIN WELBY will be at St Albans Cathedral on Thursday 18th June from 7.15pm, to speak to clergy, lay ministers, ordinands and congregation members. Archbishop Justin will draw on his experience and life as he explores the wells which sustain his faith in his demanding role. The evening will include some “mingling”, Archbishop Justin’s talk, and compline. Anyone who would like to go, please let Fr Geoff know as soon as possible, preferably today!

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK: Thank you to those people who have contributed to Christian Aid. So far £116 has been received and paid into the bank. It is still possible to make a donation using an envelope which is on the table near the west end of the church and putting it into the Christian Aid carrier bag on the same table.

BRING-AND-BUY SALE: Last week's sale raised £52. Thank you to all who contributed to this sum which will go into church funds.

VERY ADVANCE DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: This year's Christmas Fair will be on SATURDAY, 28 NOVEMBER 2015 - please put it in your diary and tell anyone you know who usually comes.