



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 3
21 June 2015

We wish you a warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist Fr Geoff celebrates and preaches. Paul Chandler leads the intercessions. Sunday School.

Hymns: 386, 383, 411 and 233 (i)

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

Messy Church is at 11.15 am.

There is a Baptism at 2.30 pm.

Evening Prayer at 6.00 pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Parish of Houghton Regis in our Diocese.
The Diocese of Olympia in the USA, Gregory Rickel, its Bishop
and all its People.

The Church of Myanmar (Burma) and its role as peacemaker.

The World: The people of Greece facing economic crisis.
The prevention of radicalisation among young people.
People who are unemployed.

The Community and Parish: The work of New Hope with homeless people.
The work of Watford Town Centre Chaplaincy.
The work of Watford and Three Rivers Refugee Project.

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

The Departed: Emma Crookston and Kenneth Sands.

Collect

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father:
give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God;
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 17. 32–49

A reading from the first book of Samuel.

- 32 David said to Saul, 'Let no one's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine.'
- 33 Saul said to David, 'You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth.'
- 34 But David said to Saul, 'Your servant used to keep sheep for his father; and whenever a lion or a bear came, and took a lamb from the flock,
- 35 I went after it and struck it down, rescuing the lamb from its mouth; and if it turned against me, I would catch it by the jaw, strike it down, and kill it.
- 36 Your servant has killed both lions and bears; and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, since he has defied the armies of the living God.'
- 37 David said, 'The LORD, who saved me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will save me from the hand of this Philistine.' So Saul said to David, 'Go, and may the LORD be with you!'
- 38 Saul clothed David with his armour; he put a bronze helmet on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail.
- 39 David strapped Saul's sword over the armour, and he tried in vain to walk, for he was not used to them. Then David said to Saul, 'I cannot walk with these; for I am not used to them.' So David removed them.
- 40 Then he took his staff in his hand, and chose five smooth stones from the wadi, and put them in his shepherd's bag, in the pouch; his sling was in his hand, and he drew near to the Philistine.
- 41 The Philistine came on and drew near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him.
- 42 When the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was only a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance.
- 43 The Philistine said to David, 'Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?' And the Philistine cursed David by his gods.
- 44 The Philistine said to David, 'Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the field.'
- 45 But David said to the Philistine, 'You come to me with sword and spear and javelin; but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.
- 46 This very day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head; and I will give the dead bodies of the Philistine army this very day to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the earth, so that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel,

- 47 and that all this assembly may know that the LORD does not save by sword and spear;
for the battle is the Lord's and he will give you into our hand.'
- 48 When the Philistine drew nearer to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle
line to meet the Philistine.
- 49 David put his hand in his bag, took out a stone, slung it, and struck the Philistine on his
forehead; the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground.

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 6.1–13

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

- 1 As we work together with Christ, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in
vain.
- 2 For he says, 'At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I
have helped you.' See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation!
- 3 We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our
ministry,
- 4 but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great
endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities,
- 5 beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger;
- 6 by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love,
- 7 truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right
hand and for the left;
- 8 in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors,
and yet are true;
- 9 as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see – we are alive; as punished, and
yet not killed;
- 10 as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing,
and yet possessing everything.
- 11 We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you.
- 12 There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours.
- 13 In return – I speak as to children – open wide your hearts also.

GOSPEL Mark 4.35–41

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

- 35 When evening had come, Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us go across to the other side.'
- 36 And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was.
Other boats were with him.
- 37 A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being
swamped.
- 38 But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him,
'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?'
- 39 He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!' Then the wind
ceased, and there was a dead calm.
- 40 He said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?'
- 41 And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that
even the wind and the sea obey him?'

THIS WEEK

Mon	22	June	Toddlers' Group	10.00am – 11.30am
			Social Committee (in Choir Vestry)	8.00pm
Wed	24	June	Food Bank (in Choir Vestry)	10.00am – 12 noon
			Coffee in Church (in Choir Vestry)	10.30am – 12 noon
			Funeral of Kenneth Sands (in Church)	11.00am
Thu	25	June	Holy Communion	10.00am
			Choir Practice	<i>to be announced</i>
Sun	28	June	TRINITY 4	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST Sunday School	9.30am
			President and Preacher: Fr Geoff	
			followed by a Bring-&-Buy Sale	
			(The Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church	1.00 – 5.00pm)
			Evening Prayer	6.00pm

NOTICES

FINAL COPY DATE for the July edition of SWORD should be in the hands of the Editor today Sunday, 21 June. Please submit copy or email to

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VERY ADVANCE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

HERITAGE OPEN DAY and the HERTS AND BEDS SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE will be on Saturday, 12 September. St Michael's has recently received a grant from the Herts & Beds Historic Churches to help with the cost of our building work so we hope members of our church will be able to cycle or walk and raise sponsorship money for this worthy cause.

MICHAELMAS will be celebrated on Sunday, 27 September.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING will be on Sunday, 4 October.

This year's CHRISTMAS FAIR will be on Saturday, 28 November 2015.