



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 4
28 June 2015

We wish you a warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist Fr Geoff celebrates and preaches. Graham Mordue leads the intercessions. Sunday School.

Hymns: 453, 346 (ii), 469 and 601

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

(The Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church 1.00 – 5.00pm)

Evening Prayer at 6.00 pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Parish of Tilsworth (Dunstable Deanery) in our Diocese.
The Diocese of Osaka (Japan): Samuel Osamu Onishi its Bishop and all its people.

The Anglican Church in Zimbabwe.

The World: A wise and compassionate approach to the situations of refugees and migrants.

Children living in care homes.

People in Greece vulnerable to austerity measures.

The Community and Parish: Couples preparing for marriage

Our Churchwardens.

Our Sunday School Children.

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: June Tunmore (Martin’s Mother)

Collect

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:
 increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so
 pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal;
 grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING 2 Samuel 1.1, 17–27

A reading from the second book of Samuel.

- ¹ After the death of Saul, when David had returned from defeating the Amalekites, David remained two days in Ziklag.
- ¹⁷ David intoned this lamentation over Saul and his son Jonathan.
- ¹⁸ (He ordered that The Song of the Bow be taught to the people of Judah; it is written in the Book of Jashar.) He said:
- ¹⁹ Your glory, O Israel, lies slain upon your high places! How the mighty have fallen!
- ²⁰ Tell it not in Gath, proclaim it not in the streets of Ashkelon; or the daughters of the Philistines will rejoice, the daughters of the uncircumcised will exult.
- ²¹ You mountains of Gilboa, let there be no dew or rain upon you, nor bounteous fields! For there the shield of the mighty was defiled, the shield of Saul, anointed with oil no more.
- ²² From the blood of the slain, from the fat of the mighty, the bow of Jonathan did not turn back, nor the sword of Saul return empty.
- ²³ Saul and Jonathan, beloved and lovely! In life and in death they were not divided; they were swifter than eagles, they were stronger than lions.
- ²⁴ O daughters of Israel, weep over Saul, who clothed you with crimson, in luxury, who put ornaments of gold on your apparel.
- ²⁵ How the mighty have fallen in the midst of the battle! Jonathan lies slain upon your high places.
- ²⁶ I am distressed for you, my brother Jonathan; greatly beloved were you to me; your love to me was wonderful, passing the love of women.
- ²⁷ How the mighty have fallen, and the weapons of war perished!

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 8.7–15

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

- ⁷ You excel in everything – in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you – so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.
- ⁸ I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others.
- ⁹ For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.
- ¹⁰ And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something –
- ¹¹ now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means.
- ¹² For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has – not according to what one does not have.

13 I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question
of a fair balance between
14 your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in
order that there may be a fair balance.
15 As it is written, 'The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little
did not have too little.'

GOSPEL Mark 5.21–43

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

21 When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around
him; and he was by the lake.
22 Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him,
23 fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, 'My little daughter is at the point of death. Come
and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.'
24 So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him.
25 Now there was a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years.
26 She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was
no better, but rather grew worse.
27 She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak,
28 for she said, 'If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.'
29 Immediately her haemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her
disease.
30 Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd
and said, 'Who touched my clothes?'
31 And his disciples said to him, 'You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say,
"Who touched me?"'
32 He looked all around to see who had done it.
33 But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down
before him, and told him the whole truth.
34 He said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your
disease.'
35 While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, 'Your
daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?'
36 But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, 'Do not fear, only
believe.'
37 He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James.
38 When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people
weeping and wailing loudly.
39 When he had entered, he said to them, 'Why do you make a commotion and weep? The
child is not dead but sleeping.'
40 And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and
mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was.
41 He took her by the hand and said to her, 'Talitha cum,' which means, 'Little girl, get up!'
42 And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At
this they were overcome with amazement.
43 He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something
to eat.

THIS WEEK

Mon	29	June	Toddlers' Group	10.00am – 11.30am
Tue	30	June	Intercessory Prayer Group (Choir Vestry)	2.30pm
Wed	1	July	Food Bank	10.00am – 12 noon
			Coffee in Church	10.30am – 12 noon
			Messy Church Planning Group	8.00pm
Thu	2	July	Holy Communion	10.00am
			Fairhaven	morning
			Choir Practice	<i>tba</i>
Sun	5	July	TRINITY 5	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST Sunday School	9.30am
			President and Preacher: Fr George	
			Baptism	12 noon
			Baptism	3.00pm
			United Evening Service at St Michael's	6.00pm

NOTICES

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES: Although there was a lot of interest in a coach outing during the summer we found it impossible to book a coach for a Saturday so the Social Committee is leaving the coach outing until next year. This year, we hope to have a garden party in the afternoon of Sunday, 2 August. Would anyone like to offer a garden?

VERY ADVANCE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

HERITAGE OPEN DAY, the HERTS AND BEDS SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE, and a COFFEE MORNING in aid of THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY 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 or work in the church 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.