



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 5

5 July 2015

We wish you a warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist Fr George celebrates and preaches. Sylvia Moring leads the intercessions. Sunday School.

Hymns: 612, 416 (i), 324 and 443

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

There are Baptisms at 12 noon and 3.00 pm.

United Evening Service at St Michael's at 6.00pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Parish of Bennetts End in our Diocese.

The Diocese of Oyo (Ibadan, Nigeria): Williams Aladekugbe its Bishop and all its people.

The work of the Anglican Council in Malawi.

The World: All victims of terrorism.

People vulnerable to the hot weather.

People vulnerable to economic problems in Greece.

The Community and Parish: Children being baptised today.

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

Our organist Andy Benoy.

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:

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified:

hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name;

through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING 2 Samuel 5.1–5, 9–10

A reading from the second book of Samuel.

- ¹ All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, 'Look, we are your bone and flesh.
- ² For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The LORD said to you: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel.'
- ³ So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel.
- ⁴ David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years.
- ⁵ At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months; and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years.
- ⁹ David occupied the stronghold, and named it the city of David. David built the city all around from the Millo inward.
- ¹⁰ And David became greater and greater, for the LORD, the God of hosts, was with him.

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 12.2–10

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

- ² I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows.
- ³ And I know that such a person – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows –
- ⁴ was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat.
- ⁵ On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses.

6 But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I
refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me
or heard from me,
7 even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to
keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger
of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated.
8 Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me,
9 but he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in
weakness.' So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the
power of Christ may dwell in me.
10 Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and
calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

GOSPEL Mark 6.1–13

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

1 Jesus came to his home town, and his disciples followed him.
2 On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him
were astounded. They said, 'Where did this man get all this? What is this
wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by
his hands!
3 Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and
Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?' And they took offence
at him.
4 Then Jesus said to them, 'Prophets are not without honour, except in their
home town, and among their own kin, and in their own house.'
5 And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a
few sick people and cured them.
6 And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages
teaching.
7 He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them
authority over the unclean spirits.
8 He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no
bag, no money in their belts;
9 but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics.
10 He said to them, 'Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the
place.
11 If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave,
shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.'
12 So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent.
13 They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and
cured them.

THIS WEEK

Mon	6	July	Toddlers' Group	10.00am – 11.30am
			Discovering the Bible (Choir Vestry)	2.30pm
Wed	8	July	Food Bank	10.00am – 12 noon
			Coffee in Church	10.30am – 12 noon
			Service at Home Manor	2.30pm
Thu	9	July	Holy Communion	10.00am
			St Anthony's	morning
			Choir Practice	<i>tba</i>
Sun	12	July	TRINITY 6	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST Sunday School	9.30am
			President and Preacher: Fr Geoff	
			(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church	1.00 – 5.00pm)
			Evening Prayer	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 will have a garden party on the afternoon of Sunday, 2 August at 2.30 pm. Pam Hart has very kindly offered her garden at 127 Parkside Drive for this event. If you are able to bring something to be added to the food for the occasion please sign the list at the back of the church.

PLEASE GIVE THANKS for the Rev GRANTLEY FINLAYSON (former Curate of St Michael's) as he celebrates his 25th Anniversary of the Priesthood at a Sung Eucharist at St Andrew's, Luton today.

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.

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