



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 7
19 July 2015

We wish you a warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist Fr Geoff celebrates and Violet Allen-Smith preaches. Fr Geoff leads the intercessions. Sunday School.

Hymns: 395, 594, 585 (omit *s) and 398

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

Messy Church is at 11.15 am.

(Church in use for Muslim children's performances 1.30 – 2.30 pm)

Evening Prayer at 6.00 pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Parish of St Andrew with St Nicholas, Hertford, in our Diocese. The Dioceses of Port Elizabeth and Pretoria, (Southern Africa): Nceba Nopece and Johannes Seoka the Bishops and all their people. The annual conference of Us.

The World: The people of Greece facing economic turmoil and austerity measures.
Awareness of the needs of people with disabilities.
The work of hospital staff.

The Community and Parish: Watford General Hospital.
Our friends and neighbours of other faiths.
Growth in prayer and spirituality.

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: Hasell Goldbourn and Barbara Cooper.

Collect

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all
goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
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 2 Samuel 7.1–14a

A reading from the second book of Samuel.

- 1 When David was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his
enemies around him,
- 2 the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the
ark of God stays in a tent.'
- 3 Nathan said to the king, 'Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you.'
- 4 But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan:
- 5 Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a
house to live in?
- 6 I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to
this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle.
- 7 Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word
with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people
Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?'
- 8 Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I
took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people
Israel;
- 9 and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from
before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the
earth.
- 10 And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live
in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more,
as formerly,
- 11 from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest
from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you, David, that the LORD will
make you a house.
- 12 When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your
offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his
kingdom.
- 13 He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom for
ever.
- 14 I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me.

SECOND READING Ephesians 2.11–22

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

- ¹¹ Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called ‘the uncircumcision’ by those who are called ‘the circumcision’ – a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands –
- ¹² remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.
- ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.
- ¹⁴ For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us.
- ¹⁵ He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace,
- ¹⁶ and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it.
- ¹⁷ So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near;
- ¹⁸ for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father.
- ¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God,
- ²⁰ built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.
- ²¹ In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord;
- ²² in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

GOSPEL Mark 6.30–34, 53–56

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

- The apostles returned from their mission.
- ³⁰ They gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught.
- ³¹ He said to them, ‘Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.’ For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat.
- ³² And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves.
- ³³ Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them.
- ³⁴ As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.
- ⁵³ When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat.
- ⁵⁴ When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him,
- ⁵⁵ and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was.
- ⁵⁶ And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the market-places, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

THIS WEEK

Mon	20	July	Toddlers' Group	10.00am – 11.30am
Wed	22	July	Food Bank	10.00am – 12 noon
			Coffee in Church	10.30am – 12 noon
Thu	23	July	Holy Communion	10.00am
			Choir Practice	<i>tba</i>
Sun	26	July	<u>TRINITY 8</u>	
			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

SERVICES: We are hoping to learn together, as a whole congregation, a new musical setting for the Eucharist. We are aiming to have the first run through after the service on 2nd August, so if you could be prepared to stay a few minutes after the service on that day, we would be very grateful.

You will have received today a flier to let us know some of your favourite hymns so that we can include them in Sunday morning worship. There is a box for your completed flier at the back of church.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES: 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. It would be helpful to know how many people are coming to the garden party and who could give lifts and who would like a lift. Please sign the list at the back of the church so that we can make arrangements.

FINAL COPY DATE for August Sword is next Sunday 26 July. Hard copy or floppy disc to Rob White or email to robwhite.watford@tiscali.co.uk. Items welcome from church members of any age.

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 and Tuesday, 29 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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