



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 3
12 June 2016

A warm welcome to our services today.

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

Hymns: 369, 424 (omit *s), 81 and 538

Setting: Thorne

Refreshments will be served in church after the 9.30 service – please stay on.

From 12 noon there is THE BIG LUNCH in church to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday.

Evening Prayer in Lady Chapel at 6.00 pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Parish of Rye Park in our Diocese.

The Anglican Church in Nigeria, Metropolitan Nicholas Okoh and all its people.

St James Mission Hospital in Lesotho, supported by Us.

The World: The work of Church Army with homeless young people in Cardiff.

Children suffering through conflicts in the Middle East.

Employees of companies in administration.

The Community and Parish: The Mission work of our Church.

Watford Interfaith Association.

Residents in our Local Area.

The Ill and the Housebound: Especially Bruce Alexander, Sonia Anderson, Tina Bennett, Christopher Bilson, Janet Bridge, Robert Caton, Peter Coley, Marion Craddock-Jones, Audrey Dixon, Claire Dunning, Simon Fowle, Sandra Fullerton, Kristine Jenkins, Mervyn Jones, Mary Kearns, Lesley Kinch, Loretta Lynch, Dorcas Ochola, Brian O'Riordan, Helen Perry, Christina Simon, Mark Simon and Karen Stride.

The Departed: Ashton Andrews, Bishop John Taylor.

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 Kings 21.1b–10, 15–21a

A reading from the first book of Kings.

- 1 Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard in Jezreel, beside the palace of King Ahab of Samaria.
- 2 And Ahab said to Naboth, ‘Give me your vineyard, so that I may have it for a vegetable garden, because it is near my house; I will give you a better vineyard for it; or, if it seems good to you, I will give you its value in money.’
- 3 But Naboth said to Ahab, ‘The LORD forbid that I should give you my ancestral inheritance.’
- 4 Ahab went home resentful and sullen because of what Naboth the Jezreelite had said to him; for he had said, ‘I will not give you my ancestral inheritance.’ He lay down on his bed, turned away his face, and would not eat.
- 5 His wife Jezebel came to him and said, ‘Why are you so depressed that you will not eat?’
- 6 He said to her, ‘Because I spoke to Naboth the Jezreelite and said to him, “Give me your vineyard for money; or else, if you prefer, I will give you another vineyard for it”; but he answered, “I will not give you my vineyard.”’
- 7 His wife Jezebel said to him, ‘Do you now govern Israel? Get up, eat some food, and be cheerful; I will give you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite.’
- 8 So she wrote letters in Ahab’s name and sealed them with his seal; she sent the letters to the elders and the nobles who lived with Naboth in his city.
- 9 She wrote in the letters, ‘Proclaim a fast, and seat Naboth at the head of the assembly; seat two scoundrels opposite him, and have them bring a charge against him, saying, “You have cursed God and the king.” Then take him out, and stone him to death.’
- 15 As soon as Jezebel heard that Naboth had been stoned and was dead, Jezebel said to Ahab, ‘Go, take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, which he refused to give you for money; for Naboth is not alive, but dead.’
- 16 As soon as Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, Ahab set out to go down to the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, to take possession of it.
- 17 Then the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying:
- 18 Go down to meet King Ahab of Israel, who rules in Samaria; he is now in the vineyard of Naboth, where he has gone to take possession.
- 19 You shall say to him, ‘Thus says the LORD: Have you killed, and also taken possession?’ You shall say to him, ‘Thus says the LORD: In the place where dogs licked up the blood of Naboth, dogs will also lick up your blood.’
- 20 Ahab said to Elijah, ‘Have you found me, O my enemy?’ He answered, ‘I have found you. Because you have sold yourself to do what is evil in the sight of the LORD,
- 21 I will bring disaster on you; I will consume you, and will cut off from Ahab every male, bond or free, in Israel.’

SECOND READING Galatians 2.15–21

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Galatians.

- 15 We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners;

16 yet we know that a person is justified not by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. And we have come to believe in Christ Jesus, so that we might be justified by faith in Christ, and not by doing the works of the law, because no one will be justified by the works of the law.

17 But if, in our effort to be justified in Christ, we ourselves have been found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not!

18 But if I build up again the very things that I once tore down, then I demonstrate that I am a transgressor.

19 For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ;

20 and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

21 I do not nullify the grace of God; for if justification comes through the law, then Christ died for nothing.

GOSPEL Luke 7.36 – 8.3

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

36 One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table.

37 And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment.

38 She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment.

39 Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, 'If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him – that she is a sinner.'

40 Jesus spoke up and said to him, 'Simon, I have something to say to you.' 'Teacher,' he replied, 'Speak.'

41 'A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty.

42 When they could not pay, he cancelled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?'

43 Simon answered, 'I suppose the one for whom he cancelled the greater debt.' And Jesus said to him, 'You have judged rightly.'

44 Then turning towards the woman, he said to Simon, 'Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair.

45 You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet.

46 You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment.

47 Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little.'

48 Then he said to her, 'Your sins are forgiven.'

49 But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, 'Who is this who even forgives sins?'

50 And he said to the woman, 'Your faith has saved you; go in peace.'

1 Soon afterwards he went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. The twelve were with him,

2 as well as some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out,

3 and Joanna, the wife of Herod's steward Chuza, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their resources.

THIS WEEK

Mon	13	Jun	Toddlers' Group	10 – 11.30am
Tue	14	Jun	(Post natal class in choir vestry	10.0am – 11.30am)
Wed	15	Jun	Food Bank	10.00am – 12 noon
			Coffee in Church	10.30am – 12 noon
			Mission Committee in Clergy Vestry	10.00am
Thur	16	Jun	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language) followed by coffee in Choir Vestry	10.00am
			NO Choir Practice	
Sat	18	Jun	Family Celebration in Church	11.00am – 5.00pm
Sun	19	Jun	<u>TRINITY 4</u>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST (President and Preacher: Fr George)	9.30am
			Children's Church	
			Evening Prayer	6.00pm

NOTICES

THE BIG LUNCH – an “Inside Street Party” for the Queen’s 90th birthday. In church 12 noon – 2 pm today Sunday 12th June. A Bring-&-Share Lunch to celebrate. Bring a dish of food, a drink, and yourself! Please sign up on the list at the back of the church to say what kind of dish you can bring.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- Saturday 18 June The Alban Pilgrimage in St Albans.
More details in Sword.
- Tuesday 21 June Meeting of the Social Committee at 8 pm
(Choir Vestry)
- Thursday 23 June EU Referendum
- Sunday 17 July Tea on the Triangle with sales stalls.