



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 8
17 July 2016

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Sung Eucharist; Fr Geoff celebrates and preaches. Vicki Matthews leads the intercessions.

Hymns: 305, 535 (t413), 311 and 558

Setting: Thorne

Children's Church in Choir Vestry.

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

TEA ON THE TRIANGLE – from 3.00 pm.

Evening Prayer at 6.00 pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Parish of Great Amwell with St Margarets.
The Province of the Anglican Church of Rwanda, Onesphore Rwaje its Archbishop and all its People.
Church Army evangelists-in-training.

The World: USPG volunteers on placement around the world.
People in Pakistan, vulnerable to flooding.
The UK's new Prime Minister and Cabinet.

The Community and Parish: Our Mothers' Union Members.
Prevention of hate crime in our community.
Our PCC and Committee members.

The Ill and the Housebound: Especially Bruce Alexander, Sonia Anderson, Christopher Bilson, Janet Bridge, Robert Caton, Peter Coley, Marion Craddock-Jones, Audrey Dixon, Claire Dunning, Simon Fowle, 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:

Collect

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments;
that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul;
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 Amos 8.1–12

A reading from the book of the prophet Amos.

- ¹ This is what the Lord GOD showed me – a basket of summer fruit.
² He said, ‘Amos, what do you see?’ And I said, ‘A basket of summer fruit.’ Then the LORD said to me, ‘The end has come upon my people Israel; I will never again pass them by.
³ The songs of the temple shall become wailings in that day,’ says the Lord GOD; ‘the dead bodies shall be many, cast out in every place. Be silent!’
⁴ Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land,
⁵ saying, ‘When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practise deceit with false balances,
⁶ buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat.’
⁷ The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.
⁸ Shall not the land tremble on this account, and everyone mourn who lives in it, and all of it rise like the Nile, and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt?
⁹ On that day, says the Lord GOD, I will make the sun go down at noon, and darken the earth in broad daylight.
¹⁰ I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; I will bring sackcloth on all loins, and baldness on every head; I will make it like the mourning for an only son, and the end of it like a bitter day.
¹¹ The time is surely coming, says the Lord GOD, when I will send a famine on the land; not a famine of bread, or a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD.
¹² They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the LORD, but they shall not find it.

SECOND READING Colossians 1.15–28

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

¹⁵ Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation;
¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him.
¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.
¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything.
¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.
²¹ And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds,
²² he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him –
²³ provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.
²⁴ I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church.
²⁵ I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known,
²⁶ the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints.
²⁷ To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.
²⁸ It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

GOSPEL Luke 10.38–42

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

³⁸ Now as Jesus and his disciples went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home.
³⁹ She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying.
⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to Jesus and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.'
⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things;
⁴² there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

THIS WEEK

Mon	18	July	Toddlers' Group	10 – 11.30am
Tue	19	July	(Post natal class in choir vestry Intercessory Prayer Group (Choir Vestry)	9.30am – 11.30am 2.30pm
Wed	20	July	Food Bank Coffee in Church PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL	10.00am – 12 noon 10.30am – 12 noon 7.55pm
Thur	21	July	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language) Coffee served afterwards in Choir Vestry Choir Practice	10.00am 7.00 – 8.30pm
Sun	24	July	<u>TRINITY 9</u> Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George) SUNG EUCHARIST (President and Preacher: Fr Geoff) Children's Church (The Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church Evening Prayer	8.00am 9.30am 1-5.00pm 6.00pm

NOTICES

TEA ON THE TRIANGLE: This will be this afternoon, Sunday, 17 July, from 3-5 pm and will take place either in the church and/or on the triangle at the west end according to the weather. There will be a cream tea and stalls selling books, bric-a-brac, and a Norma mixture, children's table-top activities and a raffle.

There are still a few tickets available this morning (price £2.50) on sale from Sue Ellison and Sylvia Moring.

PARISH OUTING: On Saturday 6th August we plan a parish outing to Chalgrove in Oxfordshire, where a nationally important set of mediaeval wall-paintings have been preserved in the Church, which has recently re-opened after refurbishment. After lunch (possibly at the Church-owned pub in the village!), we go on to Dorchester-on-Thames to visit the splendid Dorchester Abbey. Please sign the list if you would like to come, and indicate whether you need, or can offer, a lift.

THE FUNERAL FOR ALAN COCKRAM will be held at West Herts Crematorium at 12 o'clock on Wednesday 20 July followed by a service of thanksgiving at the West Watford Free Church in Tolpits Lane at 2 pm..

FINAL COPY DATE for August Sword is next Sunday, 24 July. Hard copy or floppy disc to Rob White or email to robwhite.watford@googlemail.com

BRING-&-BUY sale at the end of June raised £60.50 for church funds. Thank you to everyone who contributed to that.