



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 10
31 July 2016

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Sung Eucharist; Fr Geoff celebrates and preaches. Graham Mordue leads the intercessions.

Hymns: 523, 426, 309 and 442

Setting: Thorne

Children's Church in Choir Vestry.

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

Evening Prayer at 6.00 pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The safety of all Church people from terrorism.
The Mount Prison Chaplaincy in our Diocese.
The Church of the Province of South East Asia.

The World: All victims of terrorist violence.
The situation of religious minorities in Pakistan.
The working conditions of women in the Third World.

The Community and Parish: “Watford Celebration”, giving congratulations for an Audentior Award nomination.
That young people and older people may listen to each other.
Deepening of our knowledge of the Scriptures.

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, Joyce Montague, Dorcas Ochola, Brian O’Riordan, Helen Perry, Christina Simon, Mark Simon and Karen Stride.

The Departed:

Collect

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants;
and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you;
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 Hosea 11.1-11

A reading from the book of the prophet Hosea.

Hear the word of the LORD, O people.

- ¹ When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.
² The more I called them, the more they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals, and offering incense to idols.
³ Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took them up in my arms; but they did not know that I healed them.
⁴ I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them.
⁵ They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me.
⁶ The sword rages in their cities, it consumes their oracle-priests, and devours because of their schemes.
⁷ My people are bent on turning away from me. To the Most High they call, but he does not raise them up at all.
⁸ How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender.
⁹ I will not execute my fierce anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and no mortal, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath.
¹⁰ They shall go after the LORD, who roars like a lion; when he roars, his children shall come trembling from the west.
¹¹ They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt, and like doves from the land of Assyria; and I will return them to their homes, says the LORD.

SECOND READING Colossians 3.1–11

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

- ¹ If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.
² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth,
³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.
⁴ When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.
⁵ Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry).
⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient.
⁷ These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life.
⁸ But now you must get rid of all such things – anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth.
⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices
¹⁰ and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator.
¹¹ In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

GOSPEL Luke 12.13–21

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

- ¹³ Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, ‘Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.’
¹⁴ But he said to him, ‘Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?’
¹⁵ And he said to the crowd, ‘Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.’
¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: ‘The land of a rich man produced abundantly.
¹⁷ And he thought to himself, “What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?”
¹⁸ Then he said, “I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.
¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.”
²⁰ But God said to him, “You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?”
²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.’

THIS WEEK

Mon	1	Aug	Toddlers' Group	10 – 11.30am
			Discovering the Bible (Choir Vestry)	2.30pm
Tue	2	Aug	(Post natal class in choir vestry)	9.30am – 11.30am)
			Funeral of Abudu Lawal “Ab” at West Herts Crematorium	10.40am
			followed by Prayers and Refreshments at St Michaels	11.30am
			Service at River Court	2.30pm
Wed	3	Aug	Food Bank	10.00am – 12 noon
			Coffee in Church	10.30am – 12 noon
Thur	4	Aug	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
Sat	6	Aug	Parish Outing (see Notices)	
Sun	7	Aug	TRINITY 11	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George)	8.00am
			FIRST SUNDAY of MONTH SUNG EUCHARIST	9.30am
			(President: Fr Geoff; All-Age Presentation)	
			(Baby Blessing Service)	1.30pm)
			Evening Prayer	6.00pm)

NOTICES

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Saturday 10 September: There will be a working party to do jobs around the church. *In addition on that day which is Heritage Day there will be -*
Coffee Morning in aid of The Children's Society
Sponsored Bike n Hike
RSCM examinations in Choir Vestry

Sunday 2 October 3-5 pm Andy Benoy will give an organ recital followed by refreshments.

Saturday 26 November St Michael's Christmas Fair