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A Pastoral Letter.....

Dear Friends,

From 9th June until Advent, we will be trying out a new arrangement for the placing of the altar, chairs, and choir for our Sunday morning worship. The altar will be in the nave, with the chairs angled round, and the choir brought down into the nave. If you wish to visualise this, you may be helped by a diagram in the North Aisle of the Church. I hope that this will help us in the following ways:

- It will enable us to feel that we are gathered together around the altar, remembering the presence of Jesus close to us and among us, not far away.
- It will enable us to see better and be involved more in the liturgical actions around the altar, which will enhance our participation in the sacramental worship of our church.
- It will make the choir more audible, better able to lead our worship, and enable more involvement between choir and congregation.
- It will make a size of worshipping area which better reflects the size of our congregation.
- It will help make visitors and people coming for the first time feel more included.

As the trial period continues, and we have had a chance to reflect, there will be opportunities to make comments and suggestions, and tell us how you think it is going.

I wish to stress most strongly that this rearrangement of the Church is not about becoming less “high church” or less Anglo Catholic, and certainly not about becoming more “happy clappy”. There will still be incense on most Sundays, there will still be servers, candles, bells, and a reverent and dignified liturgy. Our music will still be of the high quality Anglican choral tradition which we know and love here at St Michael's. I hope, in fact that this new arrangement will help us to feel that the liturgy and music is something we are doing together as a church family, rather than separately as ministers, servers, musicians, and congregation.

Some of you may be saying that this is the “thin end of the wedge”. This may indeed be so, as there will undoubtedly be a process of change, but I want to reassure you that the “thick end of the wedge” will be a reverent and dignified form of worship, with high quality music and hymnody, and please do not worry about “going happy clappy”.

I look forward to worshipping with you as we gather round the altar of our Lord in this new arrangement, and enter more deeply into the mystery of Christ's presence among us in the holy sacrament of the altar.

Fr Geoff

DONATE BOOKS TO SUPPORT

CHRISTIAN AID

Seeing this advert in the March edition of SeeRound has set off a chain of activity at St Michael's. We have sorted through the hundreds of books which were "housed" at the back of the church and selected those which meet the criteria, i.e. - Non-fiction books in good condition. This includes paper backs and hard backs but absolutely **no fiction**.

Christain Aid supply a delivery of cardboard boxes for packing and a collection service for their return when packed. With other books donated specifically we have now been able to send off 8 full boxes. Thank you and well done to those involved.

This is an ongoing project and I have, at home, 4 more empty boxes for filling. Please contact me if you have any to offer. They can be delivered to me at home, brought to church, or we will collect if your donation is very heavy.

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CHURCH WARDENS

Kristine and I were elected as Church Wardens at the last A.G.M. and we both realise that this is an honour and a commitment.

We have the experience of past Church Wardens to help us, and Paul has again been elected as Church Warden's Assistant.

Church Wardens are responsible for many things including the work done to maintain the fabric of the church, and the care of our church plate and other valuable items. We are also supposed to see that our Vicar has sufficient holidays - and days off!

To become 'Official' Kristine and I attended a service at Abbots Langley which had the grand title of "Archdeacon's Visitation 2013'. The Archdeacon, Jonathan Smith, told us of our duties and responsibilities. (This took quite a long time!). We then made our promise to "faithfully and diligently" perform our duties - this is a legal as well as an official position.

Over much appreciated refreshments we met with other Church Wardens and were able to see various exhibitions which showed where help and advice were available.

We have regular meetings with the Vicar, but we are also your wardens, so we hope you will both support and use us.

With all good wishes,
Violet.



Centenary Recital

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Friday 31st May 2013 @ 7.30pm

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17TH WATFORD BROWNIES

This term we have welcomed Hannah, who will be making her Promise in June, and Laila, who is already a Brownie and has transferred to us from another Pack.

We are working on a Girlguiding UK challenge called Girls in Action. There are five projects to choose from and after talking about them all the girls chose "Choices for Girls". This is linked to Plan UK and is about the millions of girls who can't choose friends, education, careers, hobbies or when they have a family, just because they are girls. So far we have played a "true or false" game to find out the facts, "met" girls from Sierra Leone and compared their hopes and dreams with our own, and decorated cardboard figures of girls to send to the local MP with a letter to raise awareness of the problems girls can face. One of the Brownies suggested that they all decorate their figure wearing their school uniform to emphasise the number of girls who can't go to school. They all agreed that they would much rather go to school than not!

Amelia and Lucia have now completed Adventure On, and Umayah has her Cook's badge.

We are looking forward to the District Brownie Adventure evening at Lees Wood later this term and also to an evening in Cassiobury Park.

Marilyn Tozer



FINAL COPY DATE FOR JULY SWORD:-

MIDDAY on Sunday 23rd June 2013

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Animal Blessing Service

St Michael and All Angels Church,
Mildred Avenue, Watford

Sunday 16th June 2013 at 3pm

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DIARY OF EVENTS FOR JUNE

MAY

27th	Mon	<i>Bank Holiday Monday (no Toddlers' Group)</i> Watford's CELEBRATIONS 2013 in Church, Multi-Cultural Centre and Littlebury Hall	11 am to 5 pm
30th	Thu	Choir Practice	7-8.30 pm
31st	Fri	CENTENARY CONCERT given by LISE CHRISTENSEN and MICHAEL BRACEGIRDLE followed by refreshments (Tickets 01923 231917)	7.30 pm

JUNE

2nd	Sun	TRINITY 1 Holy Communion (Fr Geoff) SUNG EUCHARIST (Pres & Preacher Fr Geoff) (Sunday School) Joint Service at Trinity Methodist Church THE BIG LUNCH for all the family in church from 12 noon to 2 pm	8.00 am 9.30 am 6.30 pm
3rd	Mon	Toddlers Group Service at River Court	10.00 am 3.00 pm
5 th	Wed	Coffee in Church. Food Bank distribution Wedding rehearsal	10.30 am 7.00 pm
6th	Thu	Holy Communion Service at Fairhaven Choir practice	10.00 am 11.00 am 7-8.30 pm
8th	Sat	Wedding	1.30 pm
9th	SUN	TRINITY 2 Holy Communion (Fr George) SUNG EUCHARIST (Pres & Preacher Fr Geoff) (Sunday School) 11.15 Service The Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.15 am 1-5.00 pm
10th	Mon	Toddlers Group	10.00 am
11th	Tue	Pause at 134 Mildred Avenue	7.30 pm
12th	Wed	Coffee in Church. Food Bank distribution Service at Home Manor	10.30 am 3.00 pm
13th	Thu	Holy Communion Service at St Anthony's Choir practice	10.00 am 11.00 am 7-8.30 pm

DIARY OF EVENTS FOR JUNE (cont.)

16th	SUN	TRINITY 3	
		Holy Communion (Fr Geoff)	8.00 am
		SUNG EUCHARIST (Pres & Preacher Fr Geoff) (Sunday School)	9.30 am
		Animal Welfare Service	3.00 pm
		THE SIX O’CLOCK SERIES	6.00 pm
17th	Mon	Toddlers Group	10.00 am
18th	Tue	Service at Chase Care Centre	2.30 pm
19th	Wed	Coffee Morning. Food Bank distribution	10.30 am
20th	Thu	Holy Communion followed by Mothers’ Union meeting in Choir Vestry	10.00 am
		Choir practice	7-8.30 pm
23rd	SUN	TRINITY 4	
		Holy Communion (Fr George)	8.00
		SUNG EUCHARIST (Pres & Preacher Fr George) (Sunday School)	9.30 am
		The Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church	1-5.00 pm
24th	Mon	Toddlers Group	10.00 am
26th	Wed	Coffee Morning. Food Bank distribution	10.30 am
27th	Thu	Holy Communion	10.00 am
		Choir practice	7-8.30 pm
30th	SUN	TRINITY 5	
		Holy Communion (Fr Geoff)	8.00 am
		SUNG EUCHARIST (Pres Fr Geoff, Preacher Violet Allen-Smith) (Sunday School) followed by Bring-and- Buy Sale	9.30 am
1st	Mon	Toddlers Group	10.00 am
		Service at River Court	3.00 pm
		JULY	
3rd	Wed	Coffee Morning. Food Bank distribution	10.00 am
		Fr Geoff’s 25yrs Anniversary Service of his Priesting	7.30 pm

Morning Prayer is said daily in the Lady Chapel (Monday to Friday) at 9.00 am but please note that this will not happen between 15 May and 6 June 2013.

A service of Holy Communion is held every Thursday at 10.00 am. Both this and the 8 am on Sunday morning are Order One in Traditional Language.

The Toddlers’ Group meets in Church (or Choir Vestry) every Monday from 10.00 – 11.30 am except on Bank Holidays.

Tea, Coffee & Squash are served in Church every Wednesday from 10.30 until noon.

SUNG EUCHARIST DUTY LIST - JUNE

Sunday 2nd June (9.30 am)

Deacons	V Alan-Smith, M Simon
Intercessor	V Matthews
Chalice	M Simon, A Kiddle, P Gough,
Lesson Readers	P Allen-Smith, P Chandler
Sidespeople	P Hart, J Hart
Tea/Coffee Duty	J Alexander, P Hart, E Jones

Sunday 9th June (9.30 am)

Deacons	J Wareham, V Allen-Smith
Intercessor	P Beach
Chalice	V Allen-Smith, S Moring
Lesson Readers	S Dunning, F Storey
Sidespeople	J Ochola, H Moring
Tea/Coffee Duty	P Gandy, E Vidler, G Heath

Sunday 16th June (9.30 am)

Deacons	V Alvarez, M Simon
Intercessor	P Jenkins
Chalice	M Simon, M Watkin
Lesson Readers	A Eccleshall, K Jenkins
Sidespeople	J Alexander, P Allen-Smith
Tea/Coffee Duty	N Twitchin, V Alvarez, N Brighton

Sunday 23rd June (9.30 am)

Deacons	V Allen -Smith, J Wareham
Intercessor	P Hart
Chalice	J Wareham, B Hutchinson
Lesson Readers	M Matthews, P Beach
Sidespeople	P Allen-Smith, P Hart
Tea/Coffee Duty	A Makin, M Watkin, E Watkin

Sunday 30th June (9.30 am)

Deacons	J Wareham, M Simon
Intercessor	P Gough
Chalice	M Simon, A Kiddle
Lesson Readers	V O'Riordan, J Alexander
Sidespeople	J Chandler, J Talbot
Tea/Coffee Duty	V Matthews, M Matthews, B Bilson

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NEWSLETTER

Regular services:

Every Sunday:

10.30am Family Service.

11.00am The children leave the main meeting to go into the Sunday School.

Holy communion is celebrated on the 4th Sunday of each month.

Tea, coffee and biscuits are served in the church at the end of the service, please stay and get to know new people or chat to long-standing friends. Either way enjoy a time of fellowship.

3pm L'EGLISE FRATERNITE meet for worship and bible teaching. This is of course the official name of the French speaking church who meet here. Everyone is welcome and they do have an interpreter for those who are not fluent in French.

Friday @ 7pm Glory Of God Illuminated Church (Tamil) meet for worship and bible teaching. Children are welcome and have a separate time in the back hall.

During the week:

Monday 10am - 12noon: Prayer meeting

**Tuesday 9.15am - 12.15pm: Cafe West.
6.30pm: Slimming World**

**Wednesday 7pm: Bible study / Prayer meeting
2nd Wednesday of each month 1pm - 2pm: Prayer for Israel**

We'll continue to pray for those in countries where they are persecuted for their faith.

Open Doors Handbook of Prayer - Where Faith Costs The Most:

June 2nd - 8th: Eritrea. All Evangelical churches were closed in 2002 following a government ban on religious groups other than Orthodox, Catholic, Lutheran and Islam. The government is very hard on non-traditional Christians. Members of the Orthodox Church report on evangelical believers and Muslim extremists also put pressure on them. Known believers are arrested and held in shipping containers. In 2012 at least 105 Christians were arrested and it is believed that 31 died in prison. Pray for strength for those imprisoned in containers and for their families.

June 9th - 15th: Syria. Before the civil war Christians were respected in society but this is rapidly changing. Believers with a Muslim background face opposition from family and friends and also now from foreign extremist fighters. Many Christians have been abducted, physically harmed or killed; churches destroyed and tens of thousands of Christians have fled the country. Pray for those who have fled their homes; those involved in emergency relief; and thank God that despite all that the Syrian church is reaching out to others.

June 16th - 22nd: Sudan. Although Islamic law has not yet been fully implemented the level of violence towards Christians has escalated. They face growing threats from Muslim communities and Islamist government officials, yet the number of believers is rising. Christians are afraid that the religious and ethnic cleansing will continue particularly along the border with South Sudan. Pray for Christians on the disputed border regions where churches and schools have been attacked and Praise the Lord that the number of Muslims coming to Christ in Sudan is growing.

June 23rd - 29th: Nigeria. The Islamist agenda to bring Nigeria under the 'House of Islam' versus the election of a southern Christian as president has caused much unrest. The Islamist group, Boko Haram, claimed the lives of at least 800 Christians in 2012. The decisions of local government, especially in the 12 northern Sharia states, mean that Christians experience threats of abduction, forced marriage, and restrictions in employment, schooling, clean water and healthcare. It is dangerous to convert and for churches to integrate new believers. Pray that young Christians will resist the temptation to respond to Muslim attacks with violence and thank God that believers are responding in prayer, evangelism and care for believers with a Muslim background.

On the home front pray for

Those taking their exams in the coming weeks that they will be able under pressure to recall what they have learned and obtain the best results they can.

Teachers as they complete the syllabus and try to help with all the necessary revision.

All in governmental leadership: International, national, local. Pray for them, as Solomon prayed for himself, for God's wisdom in the decisions they make on a daily basis.

All of our church leaders, their spouses and families. Pray for them that the Lord will strengthen them and enable them to carry out the work each day that He has for them.

The next generation. The future goes from 'generation to generation' and this applies to all situations. Pray for our children, teenagers and young adults to hear the Word and say 'YES' to God's way. Pray that the Lord will put in place those who will take and carry the baton from those we have now.

Those from our churches who are out on the mission field, away from home and their families, that they would know the Lord's love and comfort.

June birthdays: Happy birthday to you all.

5th	Dorcas Aluma (She'll be 8yrs)
7th	Nigel Steffens
15th	Peter Snow
20th	Joyce Poulton
30th	Joshua P (He'll be 7yrs)
30th	Jimmy Collings



Jumble Sale: A huge 'Thank You' to all who contributed in any way to the sale on May 18th. On the day a total of £401 was raised. In a country where being a Christian can mean being ostracised by their family and friends; where the people have very little and every day can be a struggle to find food; and for many their homes are no more than tents made from whatever they can find, every penny makes a difference. The money raised has been sent to the pastors to distribute according to the greatest needs. Thank You.

What happens to the things we don't sell?

There will always be items which haven't sold and these are distributed to various places:

Some go to the local charity shops; some to local needs; many of the clothes are taken to the 'Cash For Clothes' shop on Tolpits Lane where they pay for them, thus adding to the total for India, and then send them out to some of the poorer African areas, giving them clothes they couldn't necessarily buy. The rest will be sold at car boot sales to raise funds for those in other under privileged countries. Absolutely nothing is wasted.

From the sale many are blessed, including those on the team who have a great time working together for the benefit of others.

The bible says "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself", "Who is my neighbour?" The neighbour is the one who shows mercy. Jesus said "Go and do likewise". (Luke 10:25 - 37).

And finally

An elderly couple are beginning to notice that neither of them seem to be able to remember things as well as they used to. They decide to go to see their doctor who explains that there is nothing really wrong with them, it is just typical memory loss associated with advanced years.

He suggests that they each get notebooks and write notes to themselves to help remember things.

The couple go home and that evening while watching T.V. the man gets up and heads for the kitchen. His wife asks if he can bring her some ice-cream when he returns, he says he will and she says he should write it down. "I'm just going to the kitchen, I'll remember". "Well" she says "I want that with nuts too". "OK, ice cream with nuts". Again she asks if he is going to write it down. "NO, I'm just going to the kitchen". She then adds "With a cherry on the top?"

He agrees and turns toward the kitchen again and she asks yet again about writing it down. Now the elderly man is angry, "Look old lady, I'm not senile, I can remember ice cream with nuts and a cherry on the top". He is in the kitchen for 10 minutes and when he returns he sets a plate of bacon and eggs in front of his wife. She looks up and says
"Darling, you forgot the toast".





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