



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY SUNDAY
Sunday 3 June 2007

A warm welcome to everyone to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist, Fr John celebrates and preaches and Paul Jenkins leads the intercessions. A crèche is available.

Hymns: 202, 421, 392 and 418

Setting: Rawsthorne

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

There is **Choral Evensong** tonight at 6.30pm. Please come along and support the choir.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Church in Nigeria: Amos Madu, Bishop of Oji River and his people.

All churches named in honour of the Holy Trinity, especially Trinity Methodist Church as they await their new Minister in September.

The World: The situation in Iraq, and the safety of the five British hostages.

Peace in Afghanistan, Darfur, Zimbabwe and the Middle East.
The McCann family.

The Community and Parish: Those preparing for their marriage here and at other churches.

Andy Benoy and the members of St Michael's Choir.

The Ill and the Housebound: Especially Ray Angles, Alec Bennett, Ellen Benoy, John Burn, Marjorie Carlisle, Jennifer Coley, Bill Craddock-Jones, Jean Crouch, June Dickinson, Kate Dickinson, Morfa Downs, Maureen Elvery, David Gough, Jocelyn Harewood, Jenny Houghton, Mary Kearns, Loretta Lynch, Maggie Maguire, Stella Meager, Myrtle Powell, Mary Pringle, David Simon, Maureen Swann, June Tatnall, Bill Widdowson and Anne Wightman.

The Departed:

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity:

keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities;

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 Proverbs 8.1–4, 22–31

A reading from the book of Proverbs.

Thus says the wisdom of God:

¹ Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice?

² On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand;

³ beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out:

⁴ 'To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live.

²² The LORD created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago.

²³ Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

²⁴ When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water.

²⁵ Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth –

²⁶ when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil.

²⁷ When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,

²⁸ when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep,

²⁹ when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
³⁰ then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always,
³¹ rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.'

SECOND READING Romans 5.1–5

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

¹ Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
² through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.
³ And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance,
⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

GOSPEL John 16.12–15

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

Jesus said to his disciples:

¹² 'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.
¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.
¹⁴ He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you.
¹⁵ All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.'

THIS WEEK

Mon	4	June	Toddlers' Group	10.00 – 11.30am
Wed	6	June	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
			Bring-&-Share Lunch	12.30pm
			“Living with the Bible” (Bible study)	8.00pm
Thur	7	June	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			Fairhaven	morning
			Kids' Club	3.30 - 5.00pm
			Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
Sat	9	June	Parish walk with St Michael's, Hatfield	start at 10.00am
Sun	10	June	<u>TRINITY 1</u>	
			Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	8.00am
			Sung Eucharist (followed by sale of books)	9.30am
			Simple Eucharist	11.15am
			Baptism of Brie-Anna Coombs-Grant	12.30pm
			Baptism of Theo Keen	2.00pm
			River Court Service	3.00pm
			Youth Group	4.00 – 6.00pm
			Evensong in Lady Chapel	6.30pm

NOTICES

The PARISH WALK: this month is on Saturday 9th June (not 2nd). Start at 10 am. We plan to walk in the Bedmond area, and we will be joined by members of Fr John's previous church in Hatfield who also enjoy monthly walks. Please sign list at back of church.

BRING-&-SHARE LUNCH: Please sign the list for Wednesday 6th June.

CRICKET: We have been challenged to a cricket match by St Mary's, Watford!! It will be played in Cassiobury Park on 30th June. Of course it can only happen if we get a team. If interested please contact Jane Talbot on 226276 or halfsentence@yahoo.co.uk.

WOULD YOU LIKE a very responsible French student to help look after your children for 3 weeks during the summer period in exchange for free board and lodging and English language practice? Excellent references from Tessa Keane. Please see Pat Brown for details. Tel: 232460.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY: Please return boxes to Norma or Pat Beach as soon as possible.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 6 & 20 June – Bible Study in the Choir Vestry at 8 pm
13 June – Tea on the Triangle – the Mothers' Union invite families and anyone else who likes tea and cakes.

THE BRING-&-BUY last week raised £15.50 towards Church funds. Thank you.

ST ALBANS FESTIVAL PILGRIMAGE – 23 June 2007 led by Archbishop Desmond Tutu. This promises to be a very exciting day – car parking is available in the field at the bottom of Holywell Hill and requests for spaces need to be in without delay. If you would like one please sign the list at the back of the church or see Pat Beach. Let's make this a St Michael's day out. NB The preacher at the 11.30 Eucharist is The Venerable Mark Oakley, the preacher we heard in Copenhagen at St Albans Church.