



# THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

*St Michael and All Angels*

Watford

TRINITY 1

Sunday 10 June 2007

A warm welcome to everyone to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist, Fr John celebrates, Martin Heath preaches and Sylvia Moring leads the intercessions. A crèche is available.

**Hymns: 612, 212, 214 (t 546) and 455**

**Setting: Rawsthorne**

Refreshments will be served in church after the 9.30 service and will be followed by the 11.15 Service which is a Simple Eucharist this month – please stay on.

The Baptism of Brie-Anna Coombs-Grant is at 12.30pm and of Theo Keen at 2.00pm.

The monthly service at River Court is at 3.00 pm.

Our Youth Group meets in church between 4.00 and 6.00pm.

There is Evensong in the Lady Chapel at 6.30pm.

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## **For your prayers this week:**

**The Church:** The Church in Nigeria: Jonathan Edewor, Bishop of Oleh.  
The growth of children's work in our Diocese.  
The Parish of Sandridge: Vanessa Cato, Parish Priest.

**The World:** A lasting solution to the situation in Iraq.  
Peace in Afghanistan, Darfur, Zimbabwe and the Middle East.  
All who plan the future of health care in this country.

**The Community and Parish:** Brie-Anna Coombs-Grant and Theo Keen baptised today.

Our young people as they meet this afternoon in church.

A good outcome from the St Michael's Sunday School meeting.

**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:** Flora Barron (aged 96), Rose Gardens.

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**Collect**

○ God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed;  
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 17.8–16**

A reading from the first book of Kings.

<sup>8</sup> The word of the LORD came to Elijah, saying,

<sup>9</sup> ‘Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.’

<sup>10</sup> So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, ‘Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.’

<sup>11</sup> As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, ‘Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.’

<sup>12</sup> But she said, ‘As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.’

<sup>13</sup> Elijah said to her, ‘Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son.

<sup>14</sup> For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth.’

<sup>15</sup> She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days.

<sup>16</sup> The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

## **SECOND READING Galatians 1.11–24**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Galatians.

<sup>11</sup> I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel that was proclaimed by me is not of human origin;  
<sup>12</sup> for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.  
<sup>13</sup> You have heard, no doubt, of my earlier life in Judaism. I was violently persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it.  
<sup>14</sup> I advanced in Judaism beyond many among my people of the same age, for I was far more zealous for the traditions of my ancestors.  
<sup>15</sup> But when God, who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace, was pleased  
<sup>16</sup> to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with any human being,  
<sup>17</sup> nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were already apostles before me, but I went away at once into Arabia, and afterwards I returned to Damascus.  
<sup>18</sup> Then after three years I did go up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and stayed with him fifteen days;  
<sup>19</sup> but I did not see any other apostle except James the Lord's brother.  
<sup>20</sup> In what I am writing to you, before God, I do not lie!  
<sup>21</sup> Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia,  
<sup>22</sup> and I was still unknown by sight to the churches of Judea that are in Christ;  
<sup>23</sup> they only heard it said, 'The one who formerly was persecuting us is now proclaiming the faith he once tried to destroy.'  
<sup>24</sup> And they glorified God because of me.

## **GOSPEL Luke 7.11–17**

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

<sup>11</sup> Jesus went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went with him.  
<sup>12</sup> As he approached the gate of the town, a man who had died was being carried out. He was his mother's only son, and she was a widow; and with her was a large crowd from the town.  
<sup>13</sup> When the Lord saw her, he had compassion for her and said to her, 'Do not weep.'  
<sup>14</sup> Then he came forward and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, 'Young man, I say to you, rise!'  
<sup>15</sup> The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother.  
<sup>16</sup> Fear seized all of them; and they glorified God, saying, 'A great prophet has risen among us!' and 'God has looked favourably on his people!'  
<sup>17</sup> This word about him spread throughout Judea and all the surrounding country.

## THIS WEEK

Mon	11	June	Toddlers' Group	10.00 – 11.30am
			Chase Care Home Service	3.00pm
Tue	12	June	Social Committee (at west end of church)	7.30pm
Wed	13	June	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
			Home Manor Service	3.00pm
			Tea on the Triangle – All welcome	from 3.00pm
Thur	14	June	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			St Anthony's	morning
			Kids' Club	3.30 - 5.00pm
			Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
			Meeting about re-opening the Sunday School (in church)	7.30pm
Fri	15	June	Wedding rehearsal	6.00pm
Sat	16	June	Wedding of Matthew Hicks and Aysha Noorali	2.00pm
Sun	17	June	<b>TRINITY 2</b>	
			Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	8.00am
			<b>Sung Eucharist</b>	9.30am
			(Preacher: Rev Carol Nolan, Chaplain, Watford General Hospital)	
			Evensong in Lady Chapel	6.30pm

## **NOTICES**

**CHRISTAIN AID WEEK:** The grand total for our local collecting amounted to £1,130.70. Thank you to all who helped, and to Valerie Blacklock who organised it and counted the money.

**TEA ON THE TRIANGLE** – the Mothers' Union invite families and anyone else who likes tea and homemade cakes on 13 June from 3pm to 4.45pm.

**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 halvesentence@yahoo.co.uk.

**CHURCH COMMITTEES:** Any member of St Michael's is eligible for membership of one of the church committees. If you would like to join one (or more) please sign the list on the table at the back of the church. The first meeting of each committee is likely to be in the next few weeks.

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

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY** 20 June – Bible Study in the Choir Vestry at 8 pm

**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. 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.