



# THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

*St Michael and All Angels*

Watford

TRINITY 6

Sunday 15 July 2007

A warm welcome to everyone to our services today. A special welcome to the Rev Scott Talbot who is our preacher today. Scott works for the BBC and is a non-stipendiary priest at St Andrew's, Watford.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist, Fr John celebrates, the Rev Scott Talbot preaches and Pat Beach leads the intercessions. A crèche is available.

**Hymns: 409, 182 (1<sup>st</sup> tune), 540 (1<sup>st</sup> tune) and 621**

**Setting: Aston**

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

The Baptism of Owen Harrington-Moloney is at 2.00pm

There is a Evensong in the Lady Chapel at 6.30pm.

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

**The Church:** Episcopal Church of the Philippines: Ignacio Soliba, Prime Bishop.  
Christian Retreat Houses and Conference Centres.

The Parish of Arkley in the Barnet Team Ministry: Mark Williams, priest-in-charge.

**The World:** Peace in Iraq and Afghanistan.

All whose work or position enables them to make decisions which affect many people.

Those who work in public utilities, supplying the basics on which we all depend.

**The Community and Parish:** Owen Harrington-Moloney who will be baptised today – for his home in Stevenage.

Our local schools as the term comes to an end – for rest for teachers.

**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, David Simon, Maureen Swann, June Tatnall, Bill Widdowson and Anne Wightman.

**The Departed:**

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**Collect**

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding:

pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 7.7–17**

A reading from the book of the prophet Amos.

- 7 This is what the LORD showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb-line, with a plumb-line in his hand.
- 8 And the LORD said to me, ‘Amos, what do you see?’ And I said, ‘A plumb-line.’ Then the Lord said, ‘See, I am setting a plumb-line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by;
- 9 the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.’
- 10 Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, ‘Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words.
- 11 For thus Amos has said, “Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.”
- 12 And Amaziah said to Amos, ‘O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there;
- 13 but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.’
- 14 Then Amos answered Amaziah, ‘I am no prophet, nor a prophet’s son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees,
- 15 and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, “Go, prophesy to my people Israel.”
- 16 Now therefore hear the word of the LORD. You say, “Do not prophesy against Israel, and do not preach against the house of Isaac.”
- 17 Therefore thus says the LORD: “Your wife shall become a prostitute in the city, and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword, and your land shall be parcelled out by line; you yourself shall die in an unclean land, and Israel shall surely go into exile away from its land.”

**SECOND READING Colossians 1.1–14**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

- 1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,
- 2 To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.
- 3 In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

4 for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the  
saints,  
5 because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in  
the word of the truth,  
6 the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole  
world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly  
comprehended the grace of God.  
7 This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow-servant. He is a faithful minister of  
Christ on your behalf,  
8 and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.  
9 For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and  
asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and  
understanding,  
10 so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in  
every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God.  
11 May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and  
may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully  
12 giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the  
saints in the light.  
13 He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of  
his beloved Son,  
14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

## **GOSPEL Luke 10.25–37**

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

25 A lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?'  
26 He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?'  
27 He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul,  
and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.'  
28 And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.'  
29 But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?'  
30 Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of  
robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead.  
31 Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on  
the other side.  
32 So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.  
33 But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with  
pity.  
34 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put  
him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.  
35 The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of  
him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend."  
36 Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of  
the robbers?'  
37 He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

## THIS WEEK

Mon	16	July	Toddlers' Group	10.00 – 11.30am
Wed	18	July	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
Thu	19	July	Holy Communion (Mothers' Union corporate)	10.00am
			NO Kids' Club until September	
			Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
Fri	20	July	<i>School terms ended this week</i>	
Sun	22	July	<b><u>MARY MAGDALENE</u></b>	
			Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	8.00am
			<b>Sung Eucharist</b>	9.30am
			Evensong in Lady Chapel	6.30pm

## NOTICES

8 am HOLY COMMUNION SERVICES in AUGUST and SEPTEMBER: Due to the difficulty in getting cover for all the services in the holiday period, the PCC has agreed to suspend the early celebration on Sundays in August and September.

FINAL COPY DATE FOR THE AUGUST SWORD is MIDDAY next Sunday, 22 July. Please submit copy before this time if possible. Hard copy, floppy disc or email to DENNIS.H.BEACH@sky.com.

THE CHURCH BARBECUE was an excellent occasion; it was particularly enjoyable to relax in the sunshine – a very unusual occurrence this year. Thank you to everyone involved with the catering. A profit of £74.70 was made and this will go to church general funds.

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.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Mission & Stewardship Committee – 25 July at 2 pm  
 Finance & General Purposes Committee – 25 July at 8 pm  
 Living with the Bible – 1 August at 8 pm  
 Holiday Club – 31 July and 1 August – morning in Church  
 PAUSE – 6 August at 7.30pm  
 Youth Group Canal Trip – 17 August – all day