



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

St MARY MAGDALENE

Sunday 22 July 2007

A warm welcome to everyone to our services today.

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

Hymns: 137, 109, 133 (1st tune) and 150

Setting: Aston

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

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

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Church in Pakistan: Samuel Azariah, Bishop of Raiwind. Anglican Methodist Covenant Relationships in the Diocese. Wendy Carter, to be licensed today as priest-in-charge of High Wych, Gilston and Eastwick.

The World: Peace in Iraq and Afghanistan.

For calmer relations between Russia and this country.

All who work in the growing communications industry.

The Community and Parish: We give thanks and pray for Anne and Tim Eccleshall, and Jane and Malcolm Talbot who celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary on Tuesday.

Lindsey and Jason North, married by Fr John yesterday at St Paul's, Langleybury.

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:

Collect

Almighty God,
whose Son restored Mary Magdalene to health of mind and body
and called her to be a witness to his resurrection:
forgive our sins and heal us by your grace,
that we may serve you in the power of his risen life;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Song of Solomon 3.1–4

A reading from the book of the Song of Solomon.

- ¹ Upon my bed at night I sought him whom my soul loves; I sought him, but found him not; I called him, but he gave no answer.
- ² 'I will rise now and go about the city, in the streets and in the squares; I will seek him whom my soul loves.' I sought him, but found him not.
- ³ The sentinels found me, as they went about in the city. 'Have you seen him whom my soul loves?'
- ⁴ Scarcely had I passed them, when I found him whom my soul loves. I held him, and would not let him go until I brought him into my mother's house, and into the chamber of her that conceived me.

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 5.14–17

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

- ¹⁴ The love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died.
- ¹⁵ And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.
- ¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way.
- ¹⁷ So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

GOSPEL John 20.1–2, 11–18

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

¹ Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb.

² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, ‘They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.’

¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb;

¹² and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet.

¹³ They said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping?’ She said to them, ‘They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.’

¹⁴ When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus.

¹⁵ Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?’ Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, ‘Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.’

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, ‘Mary!’ She turned and said to him in Hebrew, ‘Rabbouni!’ (which means Teacher).

¹⁷ Jesus said to her, ‘Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, “I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.”’

¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, ‘I have seen the Lord’; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

THIS WEEK

Mon	23	July	Toddlers' Group	10.00 – 11.30am
Wed	25	July	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
			Mission & Stewardship Committee (in Choir Vestry)	2.00pm
Thu	26	July	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			NO Kids' Club until September	
			Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
Sun	29	July	<u>TRINITY 8</u>	
			Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	8.00am
			Sung Eucharist	9.30am
			followed by a Bring-&-Buy Sale	
			Baptism of Katie Papararo	2.30pm
			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.

CONGRATULATIONS to Anne and Tim, and Jane and Malcolm who (amazing coincidence!) were married on the same day 25 years ago in Reading – but at different churches!

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

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:

Living with the Bible – 1 August at 8 pm

Holiday Club – 31 July and 1 August – 9.30-12 noon in Church

PAUSE – 6 August at 7.30pm

Youth Group Canal Trip – 17 August – all day

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE: the next meeting of this committee has been changed from 25 July to Friday, 3 August, at 2.30 pm in the Choir Vestry.

DR JEFFREY JOHN addressed an open meeting of the Deanery Synod last month. Sylvia Moring has borrowed a cassette of this address and if anyone would like to hear this please see her.