



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 8

Sunday 29 July 2007

A warm welcome to everyone to our services today.

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

Hymns: 492, 505, 619 and 592 (1st tune)

Setting: Aston

Refreshments will be served in church after the 9.30 service and there will be a Bring-&-Buy Sale – please stay on.

There is Evensong in the Lady Chapel at 6.30pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Episcopal Church of the USA – Diocese of Rhode Island: GERALYN WOLF, Bishop.

The Parish of King Charles the Martyr, Potters Bar: MICHAEL BURNS, Vicar – Churches Together in Potters Bar.

The World: Peace in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The people of Zimbabwe, suffering great shortages and inflation.

Those who work for the emergency services.

All who have been affected by the floods in this country.

The Community and Parish: For Katie Pappararo, of The Chase, to be baptised today – for Jane and Giuseppe her parents, and Daniel her brother.

For all our church members at present on holiday.

For the success of our children's Holiday Club this week.

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: Elaine Bunce (aged 59), Croxley View.

Steve Roche (aged 41), Garston; Nicky's brother-in-law.

Collect

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments;
that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Hosea 1.2–10

A reading from the book of the prophet Hosea.

- ² When the LORD first spoke through Hosea, the LORD said to Hosea, ‘Go, take for yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the LORD.’
- ³ So he went and took Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son.
- ⁴ And the LORD said to him, ‘Name him Jezreel; for in a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel.
- ⁵ On that day I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel.’
- ⁶ She conceived again and bore a daughter. Then the LORD said to him, ‘Name her Lo-ruhamah, for I will no longer have pity on the house of Israel or forgive them.
- ⁷ But I will have pity on the house of Judah, and I will save them by the LORD their God; I will not save them by bow, or by sword, or by war, or by horses, or by horsemen.’
- ⁸ When she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived and bore a son.
- ⁹ Then the LORD said, ‘Name him Lo-ammi, for you are not my people and I am not your God.’
- ¹⁰ Yet the number of the people of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which can be neither measured nor numbered; and in the place where it was said to them, ‘You are not my people,’ it shall be said to them, ‘Children of the living God.’

SECOND READING Colossians 2.6–15

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

- Brothers and sisters,
- ⁶ as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him,
- ⁷ rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

8 See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit,
according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe,
and not according to Christ.
9 For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily,
10 and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and
authority.
11 In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the
body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ;
12 when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him
through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.
13 And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh,
God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses,
14 erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside,
nailing it to the cross.
15 He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them,
triumphing over them in it.

GOSPEL Luke 11.1–13

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

1 Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples
said to him, ‘Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.’
2 He said to them, ‘When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your
kingdom come.
3 Give us each day our daily bread.
4 And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And
do not bring us to the time of trial.’
5 And he said to them, ‘Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at
midnight and say to him, “Friend, lend me three loaves of bread;
6 for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.”
7 And he answers from within, “Do not bother me; the door has already been
locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you
anything.”
8 I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his
friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he
needs.
9 So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock,
and the door will be opened for you.
10 For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for
everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.
11 Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake
instead of a fish?
12 Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion?
13 If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how
much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!’

THIS WEEK

Mon	30	July	Toddlers' Group	10.00 – 11.30am
Tue	31	July	Holiday Club	9.30am-12 noon
Wed	1	Aug	Holiday Club	9.30am-12 noon
			Coffee served in the Choir Vestry	10.30am-12 noon
			Bible Study	8.00pm
Thu	2	Aug	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			NO Kids' Club until September	
			Fairhaven (Home Communion) (during morning)	
Fri	3	Aug	Finance & General Purposes Committee (Choir Vestry)	2.30pm
Sun	5	Aug	<u>TRINITY 9</u>	
			NO Holy Communion at 8.00am	
			Sung Eucharist	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.

BIBLE STUDY (Living with the Bible) meets on Wednesday 1st August at 8 pm.. We begin study at Mark 12.18.

THE CELEBRANT and PREACHER NEXT SUNDAY (5th August) will be the Rev John Orme, who was once Vicar of St Matthew's, Oxhey. (He lives in Harpenden in the parish in which Gary Russell serves.)

BRING-&-SHARE LUNCH will be on **8th** August because of Holiday Club.

PARISH WALK will be on 11th August – a list to sign will be available next Sunday.

OTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

PAUSE – 6 August at 7.30pm

Estates Committee – 15 August at 8.00 pm in the Choir Vestry

Worship Committee – 16 August at 8.00 pm in the Choir Vestry

Youth Group Canal Trip – 17 August – all day

SUMMER 2007 FAMILY FUN DAY to help people affected by the floods in the UK will be held on Saturday 11th August 1pm – 6pm at King George's Playing Fields, Holywell Community Centre. For more details see posters around church, speak to Gillian Heath or ring Syeda Shah on 234768.

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.

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.