



# THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

*St Michael and All Angels*

Watford

TRINITY 9

Sunday 5 August 2007

A warm welcome to everyone to our services today and a special welcome to the Rev John Orme. He was once Vicar of St Matthew's, Oxhey and now lives in Harpenden (in Gary Russell's Parish).

At the 9.30 am Eucharist, the Rev John Orme celebrates and preaches and David Stevenson leads the intercessions. A crèche is available.

**Hymns: 386, 393, 442 (t 278) and 315**

**Setting: Oldroyd**

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

There is Evensong at St Michael's in the Lady Chapel tonight at 6.30pm.

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

**The Church:** The Diocese of Rochester, USA and Jack McKelvey the Bishop.  
The Deanery of Barnet.

The work of the Samaritans in counselling those in emotional turmoil.

**The World:** The success of the new UN initiative for peace in Darfur.

Innocent civilians caught up in violence in Iraq and Afghanistan.

All who suffer from the effects of nuclear radiation, through war or accident.

**The Community and Parish:** The residents and House Manager of Homemanor House and Violet with her ministry to them.

People from Eastern Europe in our parish – especially those who have difficulty finding affordable accommodation.

**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**

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church:

open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace;

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 Hosea 11.1-11**

A reading from the book of the prophet Hosea.

Hear the word of the LORD, O people.

<sup>1</sup> When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.

<sup>2</sup> The more I called them, the more they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals, and offering incense to idols.

<sup>3</sup> Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took them up in my arms; but they did not know that I healed them.

<sup>4</sup> I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them.

<sup>5</sup> They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me.

<sup>6</sup> The sword rages in their cities, it consumes their oracle-priests, and devours because of their schemes.

<sup>7</sup> My people are bent on turning away from me. To the Most High they call, but he does not raise them up at all.

<sup>8</sup> How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboim? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender.

<sup>9</sup> I will not execute my fierce anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and no mortal, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath.

<sup>10</sup> They shall go after the LORD, who roars like a lion; when he roars, his children shall come trembling from the west.

<sup>11</sup> They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt, and like doves from the land of Assyria; and I will return them to their homes, says the LORD.

## **SECOND READING Colossians 3.1–11**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

- <sup>1</sup> If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.
- <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth,
- <sup>3</sup> for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.
- <sup>4</sup> When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.
- <sup>5</sup> Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry).
- <sup>6</sup> On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient.
- <sup>7</sup> These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life.
- <sup>8</sup> But now you must get rid of all such things – anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth.
- <sup>9</sup> Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices
- <sup>10</sup> and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator.
- <sup>11</sup> In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

## **GOSPEL Luke 12.13–21**

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

- <sup>13</sup> Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, ‘Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.’
- <sup>14</sup> But he said to him, ‘Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?’
- <sup>15</sup> And he said to the crowd, ‘Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.’
- <sup>16</sup> Then he told them a parable: ‘The land of a rich man produced abundantly.
- <sup>17</sup> And he thought to himself, “What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?”
- <sup>18</sup> Then he said, “I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.
- <sup>19</sup> And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’”
- <sup>20</sup> But God said to him, “You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?”
- <sup>21</sup> So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.

## THIS WEEK

|     |    |     |  |                   |
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| Mon | 6  | Aug | Toddlers' Group                                    | 10.00 – 11.30am   |
|     |    |     | PAUSE (23 Whippendell Road)                        | 7.30pm            |
| Tue | 7  | Aug | Intercessory Prayer Group (40 Park Ave)            | 2.30pm            |
| Wed | 8  | Aug | Coffee in Church                                   | 10.30am-12 noon   |
|     |    |     | Bring-&-Share Lunch                                | 12.30pm           |
|     |    |     | Service at Homemanor                               | 3.00pm            |
| Thu | 9  | Aug | Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language) | 10.00am           |
|     |    |     | NO Kids' Club until September                      |                   |
|     |    |     | St Anthony's (Home Communion) (during morning)     |                   |
| Sat | 11 | Aug | Parish Walk  | depart at 10.00am |
| Sun | 12 | Aug | <b><u>TRINITY 10</u></b>                           |                   |
|     |    |     | NO Holy Communion at 8.00am                        |                   |
|     |    |     | <b>Sung Eucharist</b>                              | 9.30am            |
|     |    |     | River Court service                                | 3.00pm            |
|     |    |     | 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.

BRING-&-SHARE LUNCH will be on Wednesday **8<sup>th</sup>** August because of Holiday Club last week. Please sign list.

OUR MONTHLY PARISH WALK is on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> August and leaves strictly on time at 10 am from Church. Please sign list at back if you wish to come.

KIDS' CLUB EQUIPMENT: We apologise for the boxes, etc in the north aisle; we hope to have cupboards built in the Mildred Ave porch for these items soon.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

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

Herts & Beds Sponsored Cycle Ride – 8 September – see Phil Gough for details

SUMMER 2007 FAMILY FUN DAY to help people affected by the floods in the UK will be held on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> 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. If you can provide cakes, these would be very welcome – see Gillian Heath.

WOMAN WANTED to VOLUNTEER an hour each week to teach English to local woman. See poster or Fr John.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE: After 3 dormant years the Publicity Committee has re-formed itself. If you would like to join it please sign the list on the table at the back of the church or see Vicki Matthew.