



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 12

Sunday 26 August 2007

A warm welcome to everyone to our services today.

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

Hymns: 606, 255, 424 and 543 (tune 1)

Setting: Oldroyd

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 tonight at 6.30pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Church in South Korea: Francis Park, Bishop of Seoul.
Anglican Methodist Covenant Relationships in the Diocese.
The Parish of Ashwell: Simon Chambers, Vicar.

The World: Peace in Iraq and Afghanistan.
Those who work to protect the security of us all.
Our County Councillors, and all who work at County Hall in Hertford.

The Community and Parish: The Rev Margaret Millar who will be commissioned as our local Methodist Minister on Saturday evening at Harebreaks Methodist Church.
Members of our congregation on holiday.

The Ill and the Housebound: Especially Ray Angles, 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 and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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 Jeremiah 1.4–10

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

- 4 The word of the LORD came to me saying,
5 ‘Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.’
6 Then I said, ‘Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.’
7 But the LORD said to me, ‘Do not say, “I am only a boy”; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you,
8 Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD.’
9 Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, ‘Now I have put my words in your mouth.
10 See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.’

SECOND READING Hebrews 12.18–29

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

- 18 You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom,
19 and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them.
20 (For they could not endure the order that was given, ‘If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.’
21 Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, ‘I tremble with fear.’)

22 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the
heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering,
23 and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to
God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,
24 and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood
that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.
25 See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not
escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how
much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven!
26 At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, ‘Yet
once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.’
27 This phrase, ‘Yet once more,’ indicates the removal of what is shaken –
that is, created things – so that what cannot be shaken may remain.
28 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us
give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with
reverence and awe;
29 for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

GOSPEL Luke 13.10–17

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

10 Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath.
11 And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her
for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up
straight.
12 When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, ‘Woman, you are set
free from your ailment.’
13 When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and
began praising God.
14 But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the
sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, ‘There are six days on which work
ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the
sabbath day.’
15 But the Lord answered him and said, ‘You hypocrites! Does not each of
you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead
it away to give it water?
16 And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound
for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath
day?’
17 When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire
crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

THIS WEEK

Mon	27	Aug	<i>Bank Holiday</i> NO Toddlers' Group	
Wed	29	Aug	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
Thu	30	Aug	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language) NO Kids' Club or Choir Practice until September	10.00am
Fri	31	Aug	Publicity Committee (in Church)	9.30am
Sun	2	Sep	<u>TRINITY 13</u> NO Holy Communion at 8.00am Sung Eucharist Planning meeting for 11.15 United Evening Service at St Michael's	9.30am 11.00am 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 SEPTEMBER SWORD is MIDDAY TODAY, Sunday, 26 August. Please submit copy before this time if possible. Hard copy, floppy disc or email to DENNIS.H.BEACH@sky.com.

ALEC BENNETT RIP: The lovely flowers in front of the high altar and in the Lady Chapel have been given in memory of Alec, whose funeral was on Wednesday at Amersham.

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

HERTS & BEDS SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE: 8 September – see Phil Gough for details. It is possible to take part in this by visiting churches either by cycling or walking or by staying in a church keeping it open to check visitors' forms. All the activities can be sponsored and half of any sponsor money raised is used to give grants for repairs to churches in Herts or Beds; the other half goes to the home church. Last year, St Michael's received nearly £100 in this way.

PARISH WALK on 8th September. There will be a list to sign if you wish to join the walk which will take in local churches. This is linked with the Herts & Beds sponsored cycle ride (see above Notice) and sponsor forms are available for walkers. See Phil Gough for further details.

BRING-&-SHARE LUNCH: Please sign the list for Wednesday 5th September.

SOCIAL EVENING INCLUDING an illustrated talk on the History of Canals with particular reference to Hertfordshire on Friday, 14 September 2008, at 8 pm in church. Tickets including refreshments £2.50 – proceeds for church funds. On sale now from the Social Committee and at the Bring-&-Buy Stall.