



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 19

Sunday 14 October 2007

A warm welcome to our services today.

At 9.30 am we welcome Visiting Readers on their training course at Christ Church. Fr John celebrates, and the Readers will read OT and NT lessons, lead intercessions and preach. A crèche is available.

Hymns: 578, 617, 347 and 609

Setting: Rawsthorne

Refreshments will be served in church after the 9.30 service and will be followed by the 11.15 Service which is a Simple Eucharist this month – please stay on.

The monthly service at River Court is at 3.00 pm.

There is Evensong in the Lady Chapel at 6.30pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: Church in Tanzania and Phillip Baji, Bishop of Tanga.
Deborah Snowball licensed last Monday as Priest-in-Charge of St Mary's Rickmansworth, in the Deanery of Cheshunt.

The World: Peace in Iraq, Afghanistan, Darfur and Burma.
Queen Elizabeth II and all the Royal Family.
Solution to the postal dispute.

The Community and Parish: Readers on the training weekend at Christ Church, Watford and the parishes they serve.
Those who care for the elderly and handicapped in their own homes.

The Ill and the Housebound: Especially Ray Angles, Monica Batt, Ellen Benoy, John Burn, Marjorie Carlisle, Jennifer Coley, Bill Craddock-Jones, Jean Crouch, Ifagaani Desiderio, June Dickinson, Kate Dickinson, 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: Morfa Downs, Cousin of Mark Watkin.
Sr Zoe (Aged 75) Begbroke, Oxfordshire.
Ivy Walker (Aged 95) Croxley View.
Peggy Watkins (Aged 87) Vicarage Road.
Sylvia Fowler (Aged 79) Liverpool Road.

COLLECT

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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 Jeremiah 29.1, 4–7

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

- ¹ These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.
- ⁴ Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon:
- ⁵ Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce.
- ⁶ Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease.
- ⁷ But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

SECOND READING 2 Timothy 2.8–15

A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy.

- ⁸ Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David – that is my gospel,
- ⁹ for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained.
- ¹⁰ Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.

- ¹¹ The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him;
- ¹² if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us;
- ¹³ if we are faithless, he remains faithful – for he cannot deny himself.
- ¹⁴ Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening.
- ¹⁵ Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

GOSPEL Luke 17.11–19

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

- ¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee.
- ¹² As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance,
- ¹³ they called out, saying, ‘Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!’
- ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, ‘Go and show yourselves to the priests.’ And as they went, they were made clean.
- ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice.
- ¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan.
- ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, ‘Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they?’
- ¹⁸ Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?’
- ¹⁹ Then he said to Samaritan, ‘Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.’

THIS WEEK

Mon	15	Oct	Toddlers' Group	10.00 – 11.30am
			Worship Committee (Choir Vestry)	7.00pm
Tue	16	Oct	Publicity Committee (on red chairs)	2.00 for 2.15pm
Wed	17	Oct	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
			Mission & Stewardship	11.15am
			Bible Study (Choir Vestry)	8.00pm
Thu	18	Oct	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			Mothers' Union attend Holy Communion followed by meeting.	
			Laurence Haines rehearsal in church	1.00-3.00pm
			Kids' Club	3.30–5.00pm
			Choir Practice	7.00-8.30pm
Fri	19	Oct	Laurence Haines Harvest Festival in Church during morning	
Sat	20	Oct	Coffee Morning & Bring-&-Buy in aid of The Children's Society	10.30am – 12.30pm
Sun	21	Oct	<u>TRINITY 20</u>	
			Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST (with crèche)	9.30am
			Evensong	6.30pm

NOTICES

CHRISTMAS CARDS: On sale in support of our church £4 for a pack of 10. There seem to be a few spare packets of envelopes left – has anyone bought cards and forgotten to take the envelopes?

CELEBRATING DIVERSITY in the CHURCH of ENGLAND 2007: We have been asked to complete a simple survey which will help the church authorities statistics dept. Please take and return one as soon as possible.

THE PUBLICITY COMMITTEE thank those responsible for clearing the notice boards in church. They plan to have display material back as soon as possible and by today should already have sections of some of the boards labelled. If you are responsible for a display please think about getting some material (perhaps new?). The aim is to show all aspects of our church's life – the organisations we support, the work we do with young people, the activities that go on in our community,, and the rota and papers that are essential to our church's administration.

CHRISTMAS FAIR: Saturday, 10 November 2007 in church and hall from 11.am – 2.30 pm. See page 15 of the October *Sword* to see how you can help with the fair this year. Look through your cupboards for saleable items, start to make your jam and marmalade, tell your friends and make sure the date is in your diary.

'THE WALK': – St Thomas' Church, Langley Way. Friday 19th October at 7.30pm. Admission free. 'This stunning 30 minute performance by Andrew Harrison written by Murray Watts follows the struggles of Wilberforce in the fight to abolish slavery. Followed by a short video on slavery today.'