



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

ST SIMON AND ST JUDE

Sunday 28 October 2007

A warm welcome to everyone to our services today.

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

Hymns: 214, 419, 395 and 223

Setting: Rawsthorne

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

The Youth Group meets in church from 4.00pm to 6.00pm

There is Evensong in the Lady Chapel at 6.30pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Church in Canada – Colin Johnson, Bishop of Toronto.
The Parish of Hatfield Hyde – David Munchin, Vicar.
School Governors in Church Schools.

The World: Peace in Iraq, Afghanistan, Darfur and Burma.
Those who work to combat HIV/AIDS.
Those affected by the fires in California.

The Community and Parish: The young people of our Youth Club.
Local shopkeepers, and those who provide our day-to-day needs.

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, Jocelyn Harewood, Jenny Houghton, Mary Kearns, Loretta Lynch, Maggie Maguire, Stella Meager, Myrtle Powell, Ann Reed, Gladys Robertson, David Simon, Maureen Swann, June Tatnall, Bill Widdowson, Anne Wightman and Maureen Williams.

Thank God for the continuing recovery of David Gough

The Departed: Ruby Croft (aged 86), Fairhaven

Janice Marie Skok (aged 55), Warrendyde, Melbourne

(Cousin of Phil Gough).

Collect

Almighty God,
who built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets,
with Jesus Christ himself as the chief cornerstone:
so join us together in unity of spirit by their doctrine,
that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you;
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 Isaiah 28.14–16

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

- ¹⁴ Hear the word of the LORD, you scoffers who rule this people in Jerusalem.
- ¹⁵ Because you have said, ‘We have made a covenant with death, and with Sheol we have an agreement; when the overwhelming scourge passes through it will not come to us; for we have made lies our refuge, and in falsehood we have taken shelter’;
- ¹⁶ therefore thus says the Lord GOD, See, I am laying in Zion a foundation stone, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation: ‘One who trusts will not panic.’

SECOND READING Ephesians 2.19–22

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

- ¹⁹ You are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God,
- ²⁰ built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.
- ²¹ In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord;
- ²² in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

GOSPEL John 15.17–27

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

Jesus said to his disciples:

- ¹⁷ 'I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.
¹⁸ If the world hates you, be aware that it hated me before it hated you.
¹⁹ If you belonged to the world, the world would love you as its own.
Because you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out
of the world – therefore the world hates you.
²⁰ Remember the word that I said to you, "Servants are not greater
than their master." If they persecuted me, they will persecute you; if
they kept my word, they will keep yours also.
²¹ But they will do all these things to you on account of my name,
because they do not know him who sent me.
²² If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have sin; but
now they have no excuse for their sin.
²³ Whoever hates me hates my Father also.
²⁴ If I had not done among them the works that no one else did, they
would not have sin. But now they have seen and hated both me and
my Father.
²⁵ It was to fulfil the word that is written in their law, "They hated me
without a cause."
²⁶ When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father,
the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my
behalf.
²⁷ You also are to testify because you have been with me from the
beginning.'

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THE NEXT BIBLE STUDY is on Wednesday 31st October at 8 pm.

We begin to study the Acts of the Apostles. All welcome.

THIS WEEK

Mon	29	Oct	Toddlers' Group	10.00 – 11.30am
Tue	30	Oct	Intercessory Prayer Group (6 Cassiobury Park Ave)	2.30pm
Wed	31	Oct	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
			Bible Study (Choir Vestry)	8.00pm
Thu	1	Nov	ALL SAINTS DAY	
			Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			Fairhaven	morning
			Kids' Club	3.30 – 5.00pm
			Choir Practice	7.00-8.30pm
Fri	2	Nov	ALL SOULS DAY	
			Requiem (the Chantry List of the departed from our Book of Remembrance will be read)	8.00pm
Sat	3	Nov	Parish Walk	10.00am
Sun	4	Nov	<u>FOURTH SUNDAY before ADVENT</u>	
			Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	8.00am
			MEMORIAL SERVICE with SUNG EUCHARIST	9.30am
			Crèche available; Sunday School in Littlebury Hall	
			RSCM Examinations in afternoon (Choir Vestry)	
			United Evening Service at St Michael's	6.30pm

NOTICES

MEMORIAL SERVICE: Next Sunday at 9.30 am is our annual Memorial Service when we personally invite the families and friends of all whose funerals that Violet and Fr John have conducted in the past year.

PARISH WALK: Saturday 3rd November. 10 am start. Please sign list.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE: You are warmly invited to a Week of Prayer for World Peace gathering - a simple inter-faith ceremony followed by a buffet supper at Friends Meeting House 150 Church Road tonight, from 6.00pm. Please see Gill Heath for more details.

THE PUBLICITY COMMITTEE thank everyone for clearing the notice boards in church. If you are responsible for a display please think about getting some material (perhaps new?) and putting it on the appropriate board as soon as possible. We hope a lot of people will be coming into church between now and Christmas and we would like to show our church life to the full.

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. Look through your cupboards for saleable items – prizes, books, preserves, gifts, bric-a-brac etc; tell your friends and display the posters. Please sign the list at the back of the church if you are able to help. Thank you.

WATFORD PHILHARMONIC give their first concert this season at the Colosseum on 7 November at 7.30 pm. The programme includes 'The Armed Man', a Mass for Peace by Karl Jenkins and some Elgar. Further information from Valerie O'Riordan.