



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY SUNDAY

18 May 2008

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist Fr John celebrates, Violet Allen-Smith preaches and John Adams leads the intercessions. A crèche is available.

Hymns: 202, 200, 203 and 392

Setting: Rawsthorne

Sunday School in Littlebury Hall is at 9.30am.

Tea and coffee will be served in church after the 9.30 service – please stay on.

There is Evensong in the Lady Chapel at 6.30pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Church in Kenya: Benjamin Nzimbi, Bishop of All Saints Cathedral Diocese.

The Ouzel Valley Team Ministry in Bedfordshire.

All churches dedicated to the Holy Trinity.

The World: Peace in Iraq, Afghanistan and Zimbabwe.

Those suffering from the earthquake in China.

All who are victims of sex-trafficking.

The Community and Parish: The Rev Margaret Millar, and her congregation at Trinity Methodist Church.

Members of our local Mothers' Union, and for Pat Gandy and all her work.

The Ill and the Housebound: Especially Ray Angles, Monica Batt, Ellen Benoy, Mel Browne, John Burn, Marjorie Carlisle, Jennifer Coley, Bill Craddock-Jones, Jean Crouch, Ifagaani Desiderio, Jim Dibben, June Dickinson, Kate Dickinson, Bob Gerrard, Jocelyn Harewood, Sarah Heath, Margery Holt, Jenny Houghton, Mary Kearns, Lesley Kinch, Loretta Lynch, Maggie Maguire, Stella Meager, Gaynor Osbourne, Myrtle Powell, Bryony Purse, Ann Reed, Gladys Robertson, Elaine Robinson, Maureen Swann, June Tatnall, the Rev David Tuck, Bill Widdowson, Anne Wightman, Maureen Williams and Sue Winterbotham.

The Departed:

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity:

keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities;

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 40.12–17, 27–31

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

¹² Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand and marked off the heavens with a span, enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance?

¹³ Who has directed the spirit of the LORD, or as his counsellor has instructed him?

¹⁴ Whom did he consult for his enlightenment, and who taught him the path of justice? Who taught him knowledge, and showed him the way of understanding?

¹⁵ Even the nations are like a drop from a bucket, and are accounted as dust on the scales; see, he takes up the isles like fine dust.

¹⁶ Lebanon would not provide fuel enough, nor are its animals enough for a burnt-offering.

¹⁷ All the nations are as nothing before him; they are accounted by him as less than nothing and emptiness.

²⁷ Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, 'My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God'?

²⁸ Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.

²⁹ He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.
³⁰ Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted;
³¹ but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 13.11–13

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

¹¹ Brothers and sisters, put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.
¹² Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.
¹³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

GOSPEL Matthew 28.16–20

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

¹⁶ The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them.
¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted.
¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.
¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

NEXT BIBLE STUDY is at 8 pm on 4 June. Exodus 9.

THIS WEEK

Mon	19	May	Toddlers' Group	10.00 – 11.30am
Wed	21	May	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
			Mothers' Union Garden Party (all welcome) 15 Lynbury Court	2.00pm
Thu	22	May	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			Kids' Club	3.30 – 5.00pm
			Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
Sun	25	May	<u>TRINITY 1</u>	
			Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	8.00am
			Sung Eucharist (crèche available)	9.30am
			Sunday School in Littlebury Hall	9.30am
			Evensong in Lady Chapel	6.30pm

NOTICES

PLANT SALE: The grand total now rests at £553.89. Thank you for your support.

QUIZ IN CHURCH in aid of church funds, on Saturday evening 14 June. See next month's Sword and Bob and Iola Bilson for more information.

“CELEBRATION! 2008” – A CELEBRATION OF Watford's diverse cultures, faiths and talents. Sunday 25th May 11am – 6pm at the Colosseum. Free entry. See Gill Heath or www.watfordcelebration.org for further details.

MOTHERS' UNION GARDEN PARTY: Everyone invited at 2 pm on 21st May. There will be fund-raising for Bonny Babies in Burundi. MU members will be selling a wordsearch on Sunday at 50p a time towards this. Complete it, put your entry in the box in church and there will be a prize for the first correct entry drawn out.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY: Please return boxes to Norma or Pat Beach as soon as possible.

SWORD SUBSCRIPTIONS for 2008 are now overdue. Please see Valerie Alvarez who has again kindly agreed to collect the subscriptions for this year, which remain the same as last year, £5.00 if you pay for the year instead of 50p per month.

FINAL COPY DATE FOR THE JUNE SWORD is MIDDAY next Sunday, 25 May. Hard copy or floppy disc to SYLVIA MORING or email to DENNIS.H.BEACH@sky.com.

ST ALBANS FESTIVAL PILGRIMAGE – 21 June 2008. Bishop Christopher will be the principal celebrant at the Eucharist and the preacher will be the Rev Angela Tilby. The Bishop of Reading, Stephen Cottrell, will preach at Evensong. This promises to be a very exciting day. Please sign the list at the back of the church if you hope to attend. Car parking spaces are available - if you would like one please indicate on the list or see Pat Beach. Let's make this a St Michael's day out.

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.