



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 2

1 June 2008

A warm welcome to our services today, especially to Captain Andy Crooks, the Bishop's Lay Chaplain,. He will speak about the work of the Church Army which we support.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist Fr John celebrates, Captain Andy Crooks preaches and Neil Hart leads the intercessions. A crèche is available.

Hymns: 549, 565, 366 and 400

Setting: Rawsthorne

Coffee and tea will be served in church after the 9.30 service – please stay on.

Marriage Blessing of Amanda and Lyon Afiademayo at 3pm.

United Evening Service at Trinity Methodist Church at 6.30pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Church in Melanesia; Ellison Pogo, Archbishop.
The Parish of Clapham (Bedfordshire); Stephen Liley the Vicar.
The work of the Church Army.

The World: Peace in Iraq, Afghanistan and the Middle East.
Members of the government at a time of public criticism.
Those who make decisions on the availability and price of fuels.

The Community and Parish: Amanda and Lyon Afiademayo whose marriage in Ghana will be blessed here this afternoon – for their new home in Leeds.

The residents and staff of local care homes.

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, 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, Bill Widdowson, Anne Wightman, Maureen Williams and Sue Winterbotham.

The Departed:

Collect

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you.

Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Genesis 6.9–22; 7.24; 8.14–19

A reading from the book of Genesis.

- ⁹ These are the descendants of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation; Noah walked with God.
- ¹⁰ And Noah had three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.
- ¹¹ Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight, and the earth was filled with violence.
- ¹² And God saw that the earth was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted its ways upon the earth.
- ¹³ And God said to Noah, 'I have determined to make an end of all flesh, for the earth is filled with violence because of them; now I am going to destroy them along with the earth.
- ¹⁴ Make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and out with pitch.
- ¹⁵ This is how you are to make it: the length of the ark three hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits.
- ¹⁶ Make a roof for the ark, and finish it to a cubit above; and put the door of the ark in its side; make it with lower, second, and third decks.
- ¹⁷ For my part, I am going to bring a flood of waters on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life; everything that is on the earth shall die.
- ¹⁸ But I will establish my covenant with you; and you shall come into the ark, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you.
- ¹⁹ And of every living thing, of all flesh, you shall bring two of every kind into the ark, to keep them alive with you; they shall be male and female.
- ²⁰ Of the birds according to their kinds, and of the animals according to their kinds, of every creeping thing of the ground according to its kind, two of every kind shall come in to you, to keep them alive.
- ²¹ Also take with you every kind of food that is eaten, and store it up; and it shall serve as food for you and for them.'
- ²² Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him.
- ²⁴ And the waters swelled on the earth for one hundred and fifty days.
- ¹⁴ In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry.
- ¹⁵ Then God said to Noah,
- ¹⁶ 'Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you.

- 17 Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh – birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth – so that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth.’
- 18 So Noah went out with his sons and his wife and his sons’ wives.
- 19 And every animal, every creeping thing, and every bird, everything that moves on the earth, went out of the ark by families.

SECOND READING Romans 1.16–17; 3.22b–28

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

- 16 I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.
- 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed through faith for faith; as it is written, ‘The one who is righteous will live by faith.’
- 22 For there is no distinction,
- 23 since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God;
- 24 they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,
- 25 whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed;
- 26 it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.
- 27 Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith.
- 28 For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

GOSPEL Matthew 7.21–29

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

- Jesus went up the mountain with his disciples. He sat down and began to teach them:
- 21 ‘Not everyone who says to me, “Lord, Lord”, will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven.
- 22 On that day many will say to me, “Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many deeds of power in your name?”
- 23 Then I will declare to them, “I never knew you; go away from me, you evildoers.”
- 24 Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock.
- 25 The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock.
- 26 And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand.
- 27 The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell – and great was its fall!’
- 28 Now when Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were astounded at his teaching,
- 29 for he taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.

THIS WEEK

Mon	2	June	Toddlers' Group	10.00 – 11.30am
			Publicity Committee (in church)	10.00am
Wed	4	June	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
			Bring-&-Share Lunch	12.30pm
			Bible Study: Exodus 9 – all welcome (Choir Vestry)	8.00pm
Thu	5	June	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			Fairhaven	morning
			Kids' Club	3.30 – 5.00pm
			Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
Sat	7	June	Parish Walk start at	10.00am
Sun	8	June	TRINITY 3	
			Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	8.00am
			Sung Eucharist (crèche available)	9.30am
			11.15 Service of Thanksgiving and Praise	11.15am
			Baptism of Dean and Aimee Bignell	12.30pm
			River Court Service	3.00pm
			Evensong in Lady Chapel	6.30pm

NOTICES

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

BRING-&-SHARE LUNCH Wednesday 4 June. at 12.30 pm. PARISH WALK – Saturday 7 June, starting from church at 10 am. Please sign the lists on the Sign-Up table at the back of the church.

LAST SUNDAY'S BRING-&-BUY SALE raised £49 – thanks to everyone who contributed.

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

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 first half of June.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: Sunday, 15 June, the 9.30 Service will take the form of a teaching Eucharist with our young people taking part. Sunday, 13 July, after the 11.15 service there will be the annual barbecue at the west end of the church and also on the triangle. Tickets available soon.