



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 4

Teaching Eucharist with young people

15 June 2008

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist Fr John celebrates and the Youth Group lead the intercessions.

There is a presentation by young people. A crèche is available.

Hymns: On sheet.

Sunday School is in Littlebury Hall at 9.30am.

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

Baptism of Erin Arnold at 12.30pm

There is Evensong in the Lady Chapel at 6.30pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Church in Myanmar/Burmah: Stephen Than Myint Oo, Archbishop

The Parish of Biscot, Luton, and Thomas Singh, the Vicar.

Those who visit Whipsnade “Tree cathedral” for the annual service.

The World: Peace in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Members of the European Parliament.

All refugees in this Refugee Week.

The Community and Parish: Erin Arnold to be baptised today.

Fr George Ochola to be licensed on Monday to serve as a Non-stipendiary Minister in this Parish.

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, Anne Wightman, Maureen Williams and Sue Winterbotham.

The Departed: Margaret Sands (aged 87), Rickmansworth Road

Collect

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:
increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal;
grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord 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 I John 4.7-12

My dear people,
let us love one another
Since love comes from God
and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.
Anyone who fails to love can never have known God,
because God is love.
God's love for us was revealed
when God sent into the world his only Son
so that we could have life through him;
this is the love I mean:
not our love for God,
but God's love for us when he sent his Son
to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.
My dear people,
since God has loved us so much,
we too should love one another.
No one has ever seen God;
but as long as we love one another
God will live in us
and his love will be complete in us.

GOSPEL Luke 22.7-20

Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed.
So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover meal for us that we may eat it."
They asked him, "Where do you want us to make preparations for it?"
"Listen," he said to them, "when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him into the house he enters

and say to the owner of the house, "The teacher asks you, "Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?" "

He will show you a large room upstairs, already furnished. Make preparations for us there."

So they went and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them, 'I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer;

for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.'

Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, 'Take this and divide it among yourselves;

for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.'

Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, 'This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, 'This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. '

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

THIS WEEK

Mon	16	June	Toddlers' Group	10.00 – 11.30am
Wed	18	June	Coffee in Church Worship Committee (Choir Vestry)	10.30am-12 noon
Thu	19	June	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language) Kids' Club Choir Practice	10.00am 3.30 – 5.00pm 7.00 – 8.30pm
Sat	21	June	St Albans Festival Pilgrimage	from 10.30am at Roman Verulamium
Sun	22	June	<u>TRINITY 5</u> Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language) Sung Eucharist (crèche available) Sunday School in Littlebury Hall Evensong in Lady Chapel	8.00am 9.30am 9.30am 6.30pm

NOTICES

BISHOP CHRISTOPHER'S RETIREMENT: The PCC voted to give £100 towards the Bishop's farewell gift on behalf of the Parish. (He will have been our Bishop for 13 years.) If you would like to add a personal donation to this amount, please give it to the Churchwardens in the envelopes marked.

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.

CARING FOR GOD'S CREATION is the subject of a talk to be given at an Open Meeting of Watford Deanery Synod by the Rev Martin King, Diocesan Environment Officer, on Thursday, 19 June, at St Mary's Church Centre. Refreshments will be served at 8.20 pm and the talk will start at 8.40 pm.

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

A COFFEE MORNING in aid of The Children's Society will be held in church on Saturday, 28 June, from 10.30 am – 12 noon. Please make a note in your diary and tell your friends and neighbours.

MILTON 400th ANNIVERSARY: John Milton, the author of "Paradise Lost", was born 400 years ago. There are special exhibitions about him at Cambridge, where he attended Christ's College from 1625 to 1632. If there is enough interest, a visit (partially private) will be arranged on Friday 4th July. Please speak to Graham Mordue (01923 244180).

THE ANNUAL BARBECUE will be held after the 11.15 service on Sunday 13 July, at the west end of the church and also on the triangle. Tickets available now - £3.50.