



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

ST BARTHOLOMEW

24 August 2008

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist Fr George celebrates, Fr John preaches and Pat Beach leads the intercessions. A crèche is available.

Hymns: 368, 562, 432 and 390

Setting: Oldroyd/Shaw

Penny and Keith invite everyone to stay on after the 9.30 service for refreshments.

The Baptism of Kyle William Challis is at 3.30pm

There is Evensong in the Lady Chapel at 6.30pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Province of Capetown, South Africa, and Archbishop Thabo Makgoba.

Anglican Methodist Covenant Relations in this Diocese.

The work of the Samaritans.

The World: A diplomatic solution to the dispute between Russia and Georgia.

Peace in Iraq and Afghanistan and all places where terrorism gives rise to fear among civilians.

Those who plan the provision of essential services in this country.

The Community and Parish: Members of our church celebrating significant birthdays this week – for Violet Allen-Smith and Marjorie Merrett.

Penny Allen-Smith and Keith Levinson as they prepare for their wedding day on Friday.

The Ill and the Housebound: Especially Ray Angles, Ellen Benoy, Mel Browne, John Burn, Marjorie Carlisle, Jennifer Coley, Bill Craddock-Jones, Jean Crouch, Ifagaani Desiderio, June Dickinson, Kate Dickinson, Simon Fowle, 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: Margery Holt (aged 92), Witney, Oxon (Pat Brown's mother).

Those who lost their lives in the Madrid air crash and for their relatives.

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
who gave to your apostle Bartholomew grace
truly to believe and to preach your word:
grant that your Church
may love that word which he believed
and may faithfully preach and receive the same;
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 43.8–13

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

⁸ Bring forth the people who are blind, yet have eyes, who are deaf, yet have ears!

⁹ Let all the nations gather together, and let the peoples assemble.
Who among them declared this, and foretold to us the former things?
Let them bring their witnesses to justify them, and let them hear and say, 'It is true.'

¹⁰ You are my witnesses, says the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me.

¹¹ I, I am the LORD, and besides me there is no saviour.

¹² I declared and saved and proclaimed, when there was no strange god among you; and you are my witnesses, says the LORD.

¹³ I am God, and also henceforth I am He; there is no one who can deliver from my hand; I work and who can hinder it?

SECOND READING Acts 5.12–16

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

- ¹² Many signs and wonders were done among the people through the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico.
- ¹³ None of the rest dared to join them, but the people held them in high esteem.
- ¹⁴ Yet more than ever believers were added to the Lord, great numbers of both men and women,
- ¹⁵ so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on cots and mats, in order that Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he came by.
- ¹⁶ A great number of people would also gather from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all cured.

GOSPEL Luke 22.24–30

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

- ²⁴ A dispute also arose among the twelve as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest.
- ²⁵ But he said to them, 'The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors.
- ²⁶ But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves.
- ²⁷ For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.
- ²⁸ You are those who have stood by me in my trials;
- ²⁹ and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom,
- ³⁰ so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.'

THIS WEEK

Mon	25	Aug	<i>Bank Holiday</i> (No Toddlers Group)	
Wed	27	Aug	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
Thu	28	Aug	Holy Communion	10.00am
Fri	30	Aug	Blessing of Civil Marriage of Keith Levinson and Penny Allen-Smith	12.30pm
Sun	31	Aug	<u>TRINITY 15</u>	
			Holy Communion	8.00am
			Sung Eucharist (crèche available)	9.30am
			followed by Bring-&-Buy Sale and Social Committee meeting	
			Baptism of Milly Cox	2.00pm
			Baptism of Aston Corlett	3.00pm
			Evensong in Lady Chapel	6.30pm

NOTICES

THE IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING RELIGIOUS SERVICES IN CARE HOMES DURING THE VACANCY: A number of lay folk from St Michael's help by taking part, and sometimes leading, services outside St Michael's. If you would like to consider helping in this way please see Fr John.

IF YOU MISSED or can't quite remember all of my first sermon, preached at Evensong in August 1978, there is an opportunity to hear it (again) at Evening Prayer tonight Sunday 24th August! Martin Heath.

HANNAH (née BENOY) and MIKE BROWN were married in Durham Cathedral on 26th July. They are having a Service of Blessing here at St Michael's at 3 pm on Sunday 7th September. They warmly invite all St Michael's people to that service when there will be a chance to toast them!

FINAL COPY DATE FOR THE AUGUST SWORD is MIDDAY today, Sunday, 24 August. Hard copy or floppy disc to Dennis Beach or email to DENNIS.H.BEACH@sky.com.

QUIZ IN CHURCH in aid of church funds, Friday 5th September – 7 for 7.30pm.. Tickets £8 inc refreshments (bring your own drink) from Bob or Iola Bilson (Tel 227276).

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE: If you wish to have a name added to the Book of Remembrance please see Violet Allen-Smith.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: If you are interested in helping with the Sunday School will you please see one of the churchwardens.

PARISH LUNCH: (14 September) Requests for tickets should be in by the end of this month. Offers of help on the lists on the signing-on table, please.

13 SEPTEMBER: The sponsored cycle ride/walk in aid of the Herts and Beds Historic Churches Trust – see Phil Gough – and the day we aim to keep the church open all day to greet visitors on their sponsored trip.