



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

5 October 2008

A warm welcome to our services today when we celebrate Harvest Thanksgiving
At the 9.30 am Eucharist Fr George celebrates and there will be a presentation by young
people. A crèche is available.

Hymns: 274, 254, “Lord, bring the day to pass” and 270. Setting: Rawsthorne

There is a special service booklet for the Celebration of Harvest.

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

Evensong in the Lady Chapel at 6.30pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: Barry Morgan, Archbishop of Wales and Bishop of Llandaff; David
Yeoman, Assistant Bishop of Llandaff.
Bishop Of St Albans’ Harvest Appeal 2008.

The Parish of Sawbridgeworth: Vicar Canon Robert Sibson; Curate
Robert Wynford-Harris and Reader Diana Kitson.

The World: Peace in Iraq, Afghanistan and other troubled places.
Animal Welfare Sunday.
The continuing financial crisis.

The Community and Parish: The pleasure and fellowship of the Harvest Workshop.
For all who will benefit from our harvest gifts; the New Hope Trust.
For the plans for re-opening the Sunday School.

The Ill and the Housebound: Especially Ray Angles, Ellen Benoy, Mel Browne, John
Burn, Marjorie Carlisle, Jennifer Coley, Bill Craddock-Jones, Jean
Crouch, Ifagani Desiderio, June Dickinson, Kate Dickinson, Simon
Fowle, Jocelyn Harewood, Gladys Holloway, Jenny Houghton, Mary
Kearns, Lesley Kinch, Loretta Lynch, Maggie Maguire, Stella Meager,
Dorcas Ochola, Gaynor Osbourne, Myrtle Powell, Bryony Purse, Ann
Reed, Gladys Robertson, Elaine Robinson, Maureen Swann, June
Tatnall, Anne Wightman, and Maureen Williams.

The Departed:

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COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, we offer you our hearty thanks for your fatherly goodness and care in giving us the fruits of the earth in their seasons.

Give us grace to use them rightly, to your glory, for our own well-being, and for the relief of those in need;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

FIRST READING Deuteronomy 26.1-4, 10-11

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy, chapter 26.

Moses introduces the idea of a 'first fruits' ceremony, the forerunner of our Harvest Festival.

After you have occupied the land that the Lord your God is giving you and have settled there, each of you must place in a basket the first part of each crop that you harvest and you must take it with you to the one place of worship.

Go to the priest who will take the basket from you and place it before the altar of the Lord your God.

Be grateful for the good things that the Lord your God has given you and your family and let the Levites and foreigners who live among you join in the celebration.

This is the Word of the Lord.

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 9.6-10

A reading from Paul's Second letter to the Corinthians, chapter 9.

Paul uses the image of seeds and harvest to explain God's generosity to us.

Remember that the person who sows few seeds will have a small crop; the one who sows many seeds will have a large crop.

You should each give, then, as you have decided, not with regret or out of a sense of duty; for God loves the one who gives gladly.

And God is able to give you more than you need, so that you will always have all you need for yourselves and more than enough for every good cause.

And God, who supplies seed to sow and bread to eat, will also supply you with all the seed you need and will make it grow and produce a rich harvest from your generosity.

This is the Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL John 21. 2–14

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

Jesus appears to seven disciples and shows them how catch an abundance of fish

Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathaniel (the one from Cana in Galilee), the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples of Jesus were all together.

Simon Peter said to the others, "I am going fishing."

"We will come with you," they told him. So they went out in a boat, but all that night they did not catch a thing. As the sun was rising, Jesus stood at the water's edge, but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Then he asked them, "Young men, haven't you caught anything?"

"Not a thing," they answered.

He said to them, "Throw your net out on the other side of the boat, and you will catch some." So they threw the net out and could not pull it back in, because they had caught so many fish.

The disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Peter heard that it was the Lord, he wrapped his outer garment round him (for he had taken his clothes off) and jumped into the water. The other disciples came to shore in the boat, pulling the net full of fish. They were not far from land, about a hundred metres away. When they stepped ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there with fish on it and some bread. Then Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught."

Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net ashore full of big fish, 153 in all; even though there were so many, still the net did not tear. Jesus said to them, "Come and eat." None of the disciples dared ask him "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord.

So Jesus went over, took the bread, and gave it to them; he did the same with the fish.

This was the third time Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

*All readings are taken from the **Good News Bible**.*

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THIS WEEK

Mon	6	Oct	Toddlers' Group		10.00 – 11.30am
Wed	8	Oct	Coffee in Church		10.30am-12 noon
			Service at Home Manor		3.00pm
			Pause (23 Whippendell Road)		7.30pm
Thu	9	Oct	Holy Communion		10.00am
			St Anthony's		morning
			Kids' Club		3.30 -5.00pm
			Choir Practice		7.00 – 8.30pm
Sat	11	Oct	Parish Walk	leave church at	10.00am
Sun	12	Oct	<u>TRINITY 21</u>		
			Sung Eucharist (President Canon Michael Carter, Preacher Sue Pankhurst)		9.30am
			11.15 Service (Simple Eucharist)		11.15am
			River Court Service		3.00pm
			Evensong in Lady Chapel		6.30pm

NOTICES

8AM SUNDAY COMMUNION DURING VACANCY: The PCC has agreed that this will take place on the **FIRST** Sunday of the month only. The next 8am service will be 2nd November when the Chantry List will be read.

HARVEST WEEKEND: We shall as usual give any gifts of dry goods to the New Hope Trust (see list of possible items in Sword) and there will be a cash collection for the Bishop of St Albans Harvest Appeal.

CHRISTMAS CARDS: Martin Matthews will be selling Church Christmas Cards produced from the same source as last year after the 9.30 service. The price remains the same at 10 cards for £4. If you wish to contact Martin direct please telephone him on 01923 229408.

LAST SUNDAY'S BRING-&-BUY raised £63 for church funds. Many thanks.

CHRISTMAS FAIR: 8 November 2008. Please look at the accompanying leaflet and see how you can help this year. Any items for sale can be given to Sylvia Moring or Norma Twitchin. We are very short of books and bric-a-brac to sell.

BIBLE STUDY: The next meeting of the Bible Study Group will be on Wednesday, 12 November 2008 at 8 pm in the Choir Vestry. We shall continue our study of 1 Samuel, commencing at Chapter 7.

CALLING ALL PARENTS OF STUDENTS AND TEACHERS AT WATFORD

GRAMMAR SCHOOLS: There is a monthly gathering for prayer for these two schools held as follows: **Every first Monday of the month at 8.00 to 9.00 pm** at 19 Richmond Way, Croxley Green, WD3 3SF. The next will be on the 6th October 08. For further details please contact Vivien or Sandy Taylor on 01923 443139 or 07899 908480. To be added to the email reminder list please email vivient@btinternet.com