



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY SUNDAY

7 June 2009

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist, Fr George celebrates and preaches and Pat Beach leads the intercessions. A crèche is available. Sunday School is in Littlebury Hall.

Hymns: 202, 520, 377 and 392

Setting: Wilson

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

The Baptism of Shanai Elizabeth Roberts is at 12.30pm.

There is a United Choral Evensong (here) at 6.30 pm. This will be preceded with tea and cakes from 5.45pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: Bishop of Okigwe South to be appointed.

Church Urban Fund Sunday.

All churches named in honour of the Holy Trinity; Trinity Methodist Church.

The World: Peace in all troubled places especially in Sri Lanka.

The European Parliament and the MEPs.

The Community and Parish: Our newly-elected County Councillors.

Shanai Elizabeth Roberts (to be baptised today) and her family and godparents.

Those involved with the arrangements for the appointment of a priest-in-charge for this parish.

The Ill and the Housebound: Especially Ray Angles, Ellen Benoy, Gunter Bouché,

Christopher Browne, Mel Browne, John Burn, Marjorie Carlisle,

Jennifer Coley, Bill Craddock-Jones, Jean Crouch, June Dickinson,

Kate Dickinson, Simon Fowle, Jocelyn Harewood, Gladys Holloway,

Jenny Houghton, Lionel Jones, Mary Kearns, Kate Kirwan, Loretta

Lynch, Maggie Maguire, Stella Meager, Dorcas Ochola, Gaynor

Osbourne, Myrtle Powell, Bryony Purse, Ann Reed, Brian Rees, Gladys

Robertson, Elaine Robinson, Maureen Swann, June Tatnall, Anne

Wightman, Eric Wightman and Maureen Williams.

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 6.1–8

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

- ¹ In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple.
- ² Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew.
- ³ And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.'
- ⁴ The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke.
- ⁵ And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!'
- ⁶ Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs.
- ⁷ The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.'
- ⁸ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

SECOND READING Romans 8.12–17

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

- ¹² Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh
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- ¹³ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.
- ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.
- ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!'
- ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God,
- ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ – if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

GOSPEL John 3.1-17

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

¹ There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews.

² He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.'

³ Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.'

⁴ Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?'

⁵ Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit.

⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit.

⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above."

⁸ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.'

⁹ Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?'

¹⁰ Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?'

¹¹ Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony.

¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?'

¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.

¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,

¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷ Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'

THIS WEEK

Mon	8	June	Toddlers' Group	10.00 – 11.30am
Wed	10	June	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
			Home Manor Service	3.00pm
			Bible Study (Choir Vestry – all welcome)	8.00pm
Thur	11	June	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			St Anthony's	morning
			Kids' Club	3.30-5.00pm
			Choir Practice	7.00-8.30pm
Sat	13	June	QUIZ NIGHT (see Notices)	7.30pm
Sun	14	June	<u>TRINITY 1</u>	
			SUNG EUCHARIST: (Pres: Canon Michael Carter)	9.30 am
			(crèche available). Sunday School in Littlebury Hall	
			11.15 Service – Simple Eucharist	11.15am
			River Court Service	3.00pm
			Evening Prayer	6.30pm

NOTICES

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 signings table at the back of the church. The first meeting of each committee is likely to be in the next few weeks.

CHORAL EVENSONG will be held at 6.30 pm tonight, Sunday, 7 June. Please see the handbill which lists the music that is to be included. Tea and cakes will be served from 5.45 pm in aid of our mission and charitable giving. Please support this if you can.

APPOINTMENT OF PRIEST-IN-CHARGE FOR ST MICHAEL'S: The post has been advertised and applicants will be invited to see the church and parish and come to interview on Monday and Tuesday, 15 and 16 June. Some catering will be needed on these two days and if you are able to help will you please see Sylvia or a member of the Social Committee which is meeting immediately after the 9.30 service today.

FR GEORGE thanks everyone who contributed to his church expenses. He will write in more detail in next month's Sword.

VOLUNTEERS to keep the Vicarage garden tidy would be much appreciated. Please contact Paul Chandler (252926) if you can help.

TOM'S WORLD CHALLENGE QUIZ NIGHT is at 7.30pm on 13th June in church. Ploughman's Supper included, bring your own drinks and glasses. Tickets £8 adults, £5 under 18s. Contact Tom Vos (244898) or ashley.vos@tesco.net.

BRING-&-BUY: Last week's sale raised £43 for Church funds. Many thanks to all who contributed. **CHRISTIAN AID:** The final amount that was collected was £996.20.

ST ALBANS FESTIVAL PILGRIMAGE – 20 June 2009. Details are around the church – a very worthwhile day out. Speak to Pat Beach for further information and/or for a free parking voucher.