



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 1

14 June 2009

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist, Canon Michael Carter celebrates, Violet Allen-Smith preaches and Pam Hart leads the intercessions. A crèche is available. Sunday School is in Littlebury Hall.

Hymns: 386, 321, 585, 406

Setting: Wilson

Tea and coffee will be served in church after the 9.30 service and this is followed at 11.15 with our 11.15 service which this month is a Simple Eucharist – please stay on.

The songs for the Simple Eucharist are 385, 455, 622 and 548 in Common Praise.

The monthly service at River Court is at 3.00 pm.

There is Evensong in the Lady Chapel at 6.30pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: George Lasebikan, Bishop of Ondo, Nigeria.
Whipsnade Tree Cathedral Service and all who attend it.
USPG; Anglicans in World Mission.

The World: Peace in all troubled places especially in Pakistan.
Members of the European Parliament.

The Community and Parish: Albantide Festival Pilgrimage at the Cathedral on Saturday.

All who attend our services at St Michael's today.

Making the right choice 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

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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 I Samuel 15.34 – 16.13

A reading from the first book of Samuel.

- ³⁴ Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul.
- ³⁵ Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the LORD was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel.
- ¹ The LORD said to Samuel, 'How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.'
- ² Samuel said, 'How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.' And the LORD said, 'Take a heifer with you, and say, "I have come to sacrifice to the LORD."
- ³ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.'
- ⁴ Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, 'Do you come peaceably?'
- ⁵ He said, 'Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.' And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.
- ⁶ When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the LORD.'
- ⁷ But the LORD said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.'
- ⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, 'Neither has the LORD chosen this one.'
- ⁹ Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, 'Neither has the LORD chosen this one.'
- ¹⁰ Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, 'The LORD has not chosen any of these.'
- ¹¹ Samuel said to Jesse, 'Are all your sons here?' And he said, 'There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.' And Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.'
- ¹² He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, 'Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.'

¹³ Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 5.6–10, 14–17

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians. Brothers and sisters,

⁶ we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord –

⁷ for we walk by faith, not by sight.

⁸ Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord.

⁹ So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.

¹⁰ For all of us must appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

¹⁴ The love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died.

¹⁵ And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way.

¹⁷ So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

GOSPEL Mark 4.26–34

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

Such a large crowd gathered around Jesus that he got into a boat and began to teach them using many parables.

²⁶ Jesus said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,
²⁷ and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how.

²⁸ The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head.

²⁹ But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.'

³⁰ Jesus also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it?

³¹ It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth;

³² yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.'

³³ With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it;
³⁴ he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

THIS WEEK

Mon	15	June	Toddlers' Group Supper meeting for PCC and candidates for appointment as Priest-in-Charge here	10.00 – 11.30am
Tue	16	June	Introducing the candidates to the parish Interviews Service at Chase Care Home	morning afternoon 3.00pm
Wed	17	June	Coffee in Church RSCM Exams in Choir Vestry & Church PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL	10.30am-12 noon 2-6.30 pm 7.45 for 7.55 pm
Thur	18	June	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language) Kids' Club Choir Practice	10.00am 3.30-5.00pm 7.00-8.30pm
Sat	20	June	St Albans Festival Pilgrimage	from 10.30am
Sun	21	June	<u>TRINITY 2</u> SUNG EUCHARIST: (crèche available). Sunday School in Littlebury Hall Evening Prayer	9.30 am 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.

APPOINTMENT OF PRIEST-IN-CHARGE FOR ST MICHAEL'S: The post has been advertised and applicants have been 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.

ST ALBANS FESTIVAL PILGRIMAGE – 20 June 2009. Details are around the church – a very worthwhile day out. Start is from Roman Verulamium at 10.30am. Speak to Pat Beach for further information and/or for a free parking voucher

COFFEE MORNING FOR THE LEPROSY MISSION: Norma and Sylvia are arranging this coffee morning in Church on Saturday, 27 June 2009, from 10.30 – 12 noon. There are posters to display and handbills to delivered. Please help if you can and come to the coffee morning with your friends and neighbours. This coffee morning is being arranged in memory of Bill Thorne, a faithful server and member of this church all his life and a keen supported of The Leprosy Mission.

BARBECUE: Our annual barbecue, on the grass triangle (if fine!) will be held on Sunday, 12 July 2009, after the 11.15 service. The Social Committee would like to hear from anyone who has a barbecue that we could borrow.

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