



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 2

21 June 2009

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist, the Rev Ian Pankhurst celebrates and preaches and Sylvia Moring leads the intercessions. A crèche is available. Sunday School is in Littlebury Hall.

Hymns: 413, 268, 501 and 558

Setting: Wilson

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

There is Evening Prayer in the Lady Chapel at 6.30pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: David Bello, Bishop of Oturkpo, Nigeria.
Mary Kingsley and Mark Russell, Ordination Candidates in the Deanery of Rickmansworth.

Work and Witness of our Cathedral and Abbey Church.

The World: Peace in all troubled places especially in Iran.

The Leprosy Mission.

Those who have lost their employment and are facing difficulties in the present economic climate.

The Community and Parish: The residents and staff of local care homes.

People who are away on holiday that they may return refreshed.

The Peace Hospice and those who support it financially.

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: Arthur Rook (87) of Croxley View

Collect

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you.

Grant this for your only Son 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 Samuel 17.32–49

A reading from the first book of Samuel.

- 32 David said to Saul, 'Let no one's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine.'
- 33 Saul said to David, 'You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth.'
- 34 But David said to Saul, 'Your servant used to keep sheep for his father; and whenever a lion or a bear came, and took a lamb from the flock,
- 35 I went after it and struck it down, rescuing the lamb from its mouth; and if it turned against me, I would catch it by the jaw, strike it down, and kill it.
- 36 Your servant has killed both lions and bears; and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, since he has defied the armies of the living God.'
- 37 David said, 'The LORD, who saved me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will save me from the hand of this Philistine.' So Saul said to David, 'Go, and may the LORD be with you!'
- 38 Saul clothed David with his armour; he put a bronze helmet on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail.
- 39 David strapped Saul's sword over the armour, and he tried in vain to walk, for he was not used to them. Then David said to Saul, 'I cannot walk with these; for I am not used to them.' So David removed them.
- 40 Then he took his staff in his hand, and chose five smooth stones from the wadi, and put them in his shepherd's bag, in the pouch; his sling was in his hand, and he drew near to the Philistine.
- 41 The Philistine came on and drew near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him.
- 42 When the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was only a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance.
- 43 The Philistine said to David, 'Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?' And the Philistine cursed David by his gods.
- 44 The Philistine said to David, 'Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the field.'
- 45 But David said to the Philistine, 'You come to me with sword and spear and javelin; but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.
- 46 This very day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head; and I will give the dead bodies of the Philistine army this very day to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the earth, so that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel,

- 47 and that all this assembly may know that the LORD does not save by sword and spear;
for the battle is the Lord's and he will give you into our hand.'
- 48 When the Philistine drew nearer to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle
line to meet the Philistine.
- 49 David put his hand in his bag, took out a stone, slung it, and struck the Philistine on his
forehead; the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground.

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 6.1–13

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

- 1 As we work together with Christ, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in
vain.
- 2 For he says, 'At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I
have helped you.' See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation!
- 3 We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our
ministry,
- 4 but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great
endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities,
- 5 beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger;
- 6 by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love,
- 7 truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right
hand and for the left;
- 8 in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors,
and yet are true;
- 9 as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see – we are alive; as punished, and
yet not killed;
- 10 as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing,
and yet possessing everything.
- 11 We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you.
- 12 There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours.
- 13 In return – I speak as to children – open wide your hearts also.

GOSPEL Mark 4.35–41

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

- 35 When evening had come, Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us go across to the other side.'
- 36 And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was.
Other boats were with him.
- 37 A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being
swamped.
- 38 But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him,
'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?'
- 39 He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!' Then the wind
ceased, and there was a dead calm.
- 40 He said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?'
- 41 And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that
even the wind and the sea obey him?'

THIS WEEK

Mon	22	June	NO Toddlers' Group	
Wed	24	June	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
Thur	25	June	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			Kids' Club	3.30-5.00pm
			Choir Practice	7.00-8.30pm
Sat	27	June	Leprosy Mission Coffee Morning with Bring-and-Buy Sale	10.30am-12 noon
Sun	28	June	TRINITY 3 SUNG EUCHARIST:	9.30 am
			(crèche available). Sunday School in Littlebury Hall followed by a Bring-&-Buy Sale	
			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.

COFFEE MORNING FOR THE LEPROSY MISSION: Norma and Sylvia are arranging this coffee morning with Bring-&-Buy Sale 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 supporter of The Leprosy Mission.

FINAL COPY DATE FOR THE JULY SWORD is MIDDAY next Sunday, 28 June. Hard copy or floppy disc to Dennis Beach or email to DENNIS.H.BEACH@sky.com.

THE NEXT BRING-AND-SHARE LUNCH will be on Wednesday, 1 July 2009. Please sign the list at the back of the church if you wish to come.

APPOINTMENT OF PRIEST-IN-CHARGE FOR ST MICHAEL'S: Thank you to everyone who helped with the arrangements for last Monday and Tuesday.

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. Tickets will be on sale soon.

ECUMENICAL SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING FOR CREATION AND BLESSING OF ANIMALS: This will be at St Michael's in the afternoon of Sunday, 5 July 2009. Please tell any friends and neighbours that you think would be interested.

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