



# THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

*St Michael and All Angels*

Watford

TRINITY 3

28 June 2009

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist, Fr George celebrates, Martin Heath preaches and John Adams leads the intercessions. A crèche is available. Sunday School is in Littlebury Hall.

**Hymns: 372, 349, 469 and 598**

**Setting: Wilson**

Coffee and tea will be served in church after the 9.30 service and there will be a Bring-&-Buy Sale – please stay on.

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

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## **For your prayers this week:**

**The Church:** Phillip Marandih, Bishop of Patna, North India.  
Retired Clergy and Lay Ministers in the Deanery of Rickmansworth.  
All churches named in honour of St Peter and St Paul

**The World:** Peace in all troubled places especially in Iran.  
Our Westminster politicians as they work to re-establish their credibility in the country.

**The Community and Parish:**  
Fr Geoff Calvert, our new Priest, to be licensed here on 30 September and our plans for his arrival in Watford and at St Michael's.  
Our local schools as they approach the last weeks of the school year.

**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, Marion Craddock-Jones, Jean Crouch, June Dickinson, Kate Dickinson, 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:**

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**Collect**

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father:  
give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God;  
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 2 Samuel 1.1, 17-27**

A reading from the second book of Samuel.

- 1 After the death of Saul, when David had returned from defeating the Amalekites, David remained two days in Ziklag.
- 17 David intoned this lamentation over Saul and his son Jonathan.
- 18 (He ordered that The Song of the Bow be taught to the people of Judah; it is written in the Book of Jashar.) He said:
- 19 Your glory, O Israel, lies slain upon your high places! How the mighty have fallen!
- 20 Tell it not in Gath, proclaim it not in the streets of Ashkelon; or the daughters of the Philistines will rejoice, the daughters of the uncircumcised will exult.
- 21 You mountains of Gilboa, let there be no dew or rain upon you, nor bounteous fields! For there the shield of the mighty was defiled, the shield of Saul, anointed with oil no more.
- 22 From the blood of the slain, from the fat of the mighty, the bow of Jonathan did not turn back, nor the sword of Saul return empty.
- 23 Saul and Jonathan, beloved and lovely! In life and in death they were not divided; they were swifter than eagles, they were stronger than lions.
- 24 O daughters of Israel, weep over Saul, who clothed you with crimson, in luxury, who put ornaments of gold on your apparel.
- 25 How the mighty have fallen in the midst of the battle! Jonathan lies slain upon your high places.
- 26 I am distressed for you, my brother Jonathan; greatly beloved were you to me; your love to me was wonderful, passing the love of women.
- 27 How the mighty have fallen, and the weapons of war perished!

**SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 8.7-15**

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

- 7 You excel in everything – in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you – so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.
- 8 I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others.
- 9 For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.
- 10 And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something –
- 11 now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means.
- 12 For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has – not according to what one does not have.

13 I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question  
of a fair balance between  
14 your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in  
order that there may be a fair balance.  
15 As it is written, 'The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little  
did not have too little.'

## **GOSPEL Mark 5.21–43**

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

21 When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around  
him; and he was by the lake.  
22 Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him,  
23 fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, 'My little daughter is at the point of death. Come  
and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.'  
24 So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him.  
25 Now there was a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years.  
26 She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was  
no better, but rather grew worse.  
27 She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak,  
28 for she said, 'If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.'  
29 Immediately her haemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her  
disease.  
30 Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd  
and said, 'Who touched my clothes?'  
31 And his disciples said to him, 'You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say,  
"Who touched me?"'  
32 He looked all around to see who had done it.  
33 But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down  
before him, and told him the whole truth.  
34 He said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your  
disease.'  
35 While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, 'Your  
daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?'  
36 But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, 'Do not fear, only  
believe.'  
37 He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James.  
38 When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people  
weeping and wailing loudly.  
39 When he had entered, he said to them, 'Why do you make a commotion and weep? The  
child is not dead but sleeping.'  
40 And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and  
mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was.  
41 He took her by the hand and said to her, 'Talitha cum,' which means, 'Little girl, get up!'  
42 And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At  
this they were overcome with amazement.  
43 He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something  
to eat.

## THIS WEEK

Mon	29	June	Toddlers' Group	10.00 – 11.30am
Wed	1	July	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
			Bring-&-Share Lunch	12.30pm
			Worship Committee (Choir Vestry)	8.00pm
Thur	2	July	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			Fairhaven	morning
			Kids' Club	3.30-5.00pm
			Choir Practice	7.00-8.30pm
Sun	5	July	<b><u>TRINITY 4</u></b>	
			Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	8.00am
			<b>SUNG EUCHARIST:</b>	9.30am
			(crèche available). Sunday School in Littlebury Hall	
			Baptism of Elizabeth Ruby Mulholland	12.30pm
			Thanksgiving for Creation and Blessing of Animals Service	2.00pm
			United Evening Service (venue tba)	6.30pm

## NOTICES

FINAL COPY DATE FOR THE JULY SWORD is MIDDAY today Sunday, 28 June. Hard copy or floppy disc to Dennis Beach or email to [DENNIS.H.BEACH@sky.com](mailto: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: The Churchwardens are happy to announce that the new Priest-in-Charge for St Michael's will be the Revd Dr Geoffrey Calvert who wishes to be known as Fr Geoff. His licensing will be on Wednesday, 30 September – please keep the evening free.

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.

BACK-TO-CHURCH SUNDAY: 27 September 2009. The PCC is considering having some special activities on the 3 days leading up to the 27<sup>th</sup> September when we hope to have some special features in our 9.30 service. If you would like to help with the planning please see Martin Heath, Kristine Jenkins or one of the Churchwardens.

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 at 2.00pm (not 3pm as in Sword). Please tell any friends and neighbours that you think would be interested. There are handbills at the back of the church.

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