



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 4

5 July 2009

A warm welcome to our services today.

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

Hymns: 612, 505, 606 and 443

Setting: Rawsthorne

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

At 12.30 pm there is the Baptism of Elizabeth Ruby Mulholland conducted by Rev Ian Pankhurst.

Special Service for Creation and Blessing of Animals at 2.00 pm.

There is a United Evening Service at St Michaels at 6.30 pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church:

Bijay Nayak, Bishop of Phulbani, North India.

Ordination of Deacons in the Cathedral this morning – especially Gladys Finlayson who will work with Fr Peter Budgen at the Parish of St Anne with St Christopher in Luton.

General Synod meeting in York from Friday.

The World:

Peace in all troubled places especially in Iran and Afghanistan.

Those in debt and their advisors and supporters.

The Anglican Society for the Welfare of Animals.

The Community and Parish:

The Mothers' Union as they observe the Wave of Prayer on Wednesday.

Elizabeth Ruby Mulholland to be baptised today and her parents and godparents.

Prayer4Watford Week.

The Ill and the

Housebound: Especially Ray Angles, Ellen Benoy, Gunter Bouché, Christopher Browne, Mel Browne, Marjorie Carlisle, Peter 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, Elaine Robinson, Maureen Swann, June Tatnall, Anne Wightman and Eric Wightman.

The Departed:

Collect

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:
increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal;
grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord 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 2 Samuel 5.1–5, 9–10

A reading from the second book of Samuel.

- ¹ All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, 'Look, we are your bone and flesh.
² For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The LORD said to you: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel.'
³ So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel.
⁴ David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years.
⁵ At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months; and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years.
⁹ David occupied the stronghold, and named it the city of David. David built the city all around from the Millo inward.
¹⁰ And David became greater and greater, for the LORD, the God of hosts, was with him.

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 12.2–10

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

- ² I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows.
² And I know that such a person – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows –
⁴ was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat.
⁵ On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses.

6 But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I
refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me
or heard from me,
7 even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to
keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger
of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated.
8 Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me,
9 but he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in
weakness.' So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the
power of Christ may dwell in me.
10 Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and
calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

GOSPEL Mark 6.1–13

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

1 Jesus came to his home town, and his disciples followed him.
2 On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him
were astounded. They said, 'Where did this man get all this? What is this
wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by
his hands!
3 Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and
Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?' And they took offence
at him.
4 Then Jesus said to them, 'Prophets are not without honour, except in their
home town, and among their own kin, and in their own house.'
5 And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a
few sick people and cured them.
6 And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages
teaching.
7 He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them
authority over the unclean spirits.
8 He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no
bag, no money in their belts;
9 but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics.
10 He said to them, 'Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the
place.
11 If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave,
shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.'
12 So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent.
13 They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and
cured them.

THIS WEEK

Mon	6	July	Toddlers' Group	10.00 – 11.30am
Tue	7	July	Mission & Stewardship Committee (Clergy Vestry)	10.30am
			Intercessory Prayer group (Choir Vestry)	2.30pm
Wed	8	July	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
			Mothers' Union Wave of Prayer in Lady Chapel	2.00pm
			Service at Homemanor	3.00pm
Thur	9	July	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	11		Parish Walk	leave church at 10am
Sun	12	July	TRINITY 5 – Sea Sunday	
			Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST: (Pres & Preacher – Rev David Tuck)	9.30am
			(crèche available). Sunday School in Littlebury Hall	
			Service of Praise and Thanksgiving	11.15am
			BARBEQUE (west end of church)	12.30pm
			River Court Service	3.00pm
			Evening Prayers	6.30pm

NOTICES

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 next 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 (£3.50) are on sale today – these include salads, bread, some sausages and beefburgers, and desserts. Please bring your own drinks and outside chairs to sit on if possible.

ECUMENICAL SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING FOR CREATION AND BLESSING OF ANIMALS: This will be at St Michael's this afternoon 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.

PRAYER4WATFORD: This week (5-11 July 2009) has been designated as Prayer4Watford week by Christians Across Watford. There are prayer cards for the week around the church – please take one home with you.

THANK YOU to everyone who has contributed to the £37 raised by the Bring-&-Buy sale last month, to the £28 raised by the Wednesday Coffee Morning and to the £9 raised by the Toddlers' Group.

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