



# THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

*St Michael and All Angels*

Watford

TRINITY 6

19 July 2009

A warm welcome to our services today. A special welcome to Anne Peat, Reader from St Andrew's, Watford who is our preacher today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist, Fr George celebrates, Anne Peat preaches and Graham Mordue leads the intercessions. A crèche is available. Sunday School is in Littlebury Hall.

**Hymns: 395, 404 (t259), 589 (i) and 430**

**Setting: Rawsthorne**

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

Baptism of Charles Sebastian Helliwell (taken by Rev Jo Spray) at 2.00pm.

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

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

**The Church:** Samuel Azariah, Bishop of Raiwind, Pakistan  
Parish of St Mary, Marshalswick and those responsible during the  
vacancy. The Revd Gary Russell to be Priest-in-charge from September.  
All churches named in honour of St Mary, Magdalene.

**The World:** Peace in all troubled places especially in Iran, Afghanistan and China.  
All who suffer because of their Christian beliefs.  
People with learning difficulties.

**The Community and Parish:** Charles Sebastian Helliwell to be baptised this afternoon  
and all his family and godparents.  
Everyone responsible for running holiday courses for young people as  
the school summer holidays start.

**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, Elaine Robinson, Maureen Swann,  
June Tatnall, Anne Wightman and Eric Wightman. We give thanks for  
the return to health of Brian Rees.

**The Departed:** Peggy Simmonds, until recently at Cussons House, Holywell.

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**Collect**

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding;

pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 7.1–14a**

A reading from the second book of Samuel.

- 1 When David was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him,
- 2 the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.'
- 3 Nathan said to the king, 'Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you.'
- 4 But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan:
- 5 Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in?
- 6 I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle.
- 7 Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?'
- 8 Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel;
- 9 and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth.
- 10 And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly,
- 11 from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you, David, that the LORD will make you a house.
- 12 When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom.
- 13 He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom for ever.
- 14 I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me.

## SECOND READING Ephesians 2.11–22

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

- <sup>11</sup> Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called ‘the uncircumcision’ by those who are called ‘the circumcision’ – a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands –
- <sup>12</sup> remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.
- <sup>13</sup> But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.
- <sup>14</sup> For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us.
- <sup>15</sup> He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace,
- <sup>16</sup> and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it.
- <sup>17</sup> So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near;
- <sup>18</sup> for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father.
- <sup>19</sup> So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God,
- <sup>20</sup> built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.
- <sup>21</sup> In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord;
- <sup>22</sup> in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

## GOSPEL Mark 6.30–34, 53–56

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

- The apostles returned from their mission.
- <sup>30</sup> They gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught.
- <sup>31</sup> He said to them, ‘Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.’ For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat.
- <sup>32</sup> And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves.
- <sup>33</sup> Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them.
- <sup>34</sup> As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.
- <sup>53</sup> When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat.
- <sup>54</sup> When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him,
- <sup>55</sup> and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was.
- <sup>56</sup> And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the market-places, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

## THIS WEEK

Mon	20	July	NO Toddlers' Group Worship Committee (Choir Vestry)	8.00pm
Tue	21	July	Service at the Chase Care Home Bible Study (Choir Vestry)	3.00pm 8.00pm
Wed	22	July	Coffee in Church PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL	10.30am-12 noon 7.45 for 7.55pm
Thur	23	July	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language) Choir Practice Estates Committee (Clergy Vestry)	10.00am 7.00-8.30pm 8.00pm
Sun	26	July	<b><u>TRINITY 7</u></b> Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language) <b>SUNG EUCHARIST:</b> (crèche available). Sunday School in Littlebury Hall followed by a Bring-&-Buy Sale Evening Prayer	8.00am 9.30am  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.

TODDLERS' GROUP: There will be no Toddlers' Group on Mondays, 20 and 27 July. Meetings in August will be as usual until the Bank Holiday which is Monday, 31 August.

THE AGM OF CHURCHES TOGETHER is on Monday 20th July at St Luke's at 8.00pm. Not a boring meeting! But an opportunity to meet and make friends, to get an update on the local Refugee situation –and a pizza supper! Do come and let me know for catering please. Martin Heath.

MOTHERS' UNION QUIZ: Each year the Mothers' Union is asked to raise money to support one or more of the Mothers' Union charities both in the UK and overseas. This year MU members would like to invite you to buy a Quiz which has been devised by Violet Allen-Smith and has 25 questions about St Michael & All Angels Church. The cost of the Quiz is £1 and all takings will go to the MU charities. All the completed quizzes will go into a draw and first correct entry will receive a small prize.

INAUGURATION SERVICE FOR NEW BISHOP OF ST ALBANS is on Saturday Sep.19th at 2.30pm in St Albans Abbey. There are some tickets available which are going to allocated by ballot. If you wish to apply please take a letter from the church table at the back and send off the tear-off slip at the bottom of the letter before 24 July.

VOLUNTEERS to keep the Vicarage garden tidy would be much appreciated. Please contact Paul Chandler (252926) or Martin Heath (249168) if you can help.

FINAL COPY DATE FOR THE AUGUST SWORD is MIDDAY next Sunday, 26 July. Hard copy or floppy disc to Dennis Beach or email to [DENNIS.H.BEACH@sky.com](mailto:DENNIS.H.BEACH@sky.com).