



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 7

26 July 2009

A warm welcome to our services today.

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

Hymns: 277, 286, 308 (i) and 570 (t334)

Setting: Rawsthorne

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 6.30 pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: Geralyn Wolf, Bishop of Rhode Island, USA.
St Albans, St Saviour: Vicar - Peter Wadsworth, Curate - Andrew Ferrar and Reader – Michael Elves

Anglican Methodist Covenant Relationships in the Diocese.

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

Agents working to support one parent families.

Anglican Society for the Welfare of Animals.

The Community and Parish: The Hospice Movement – the Peace Hospice in Watford.

The gift of humour and laughter.

For Catherine Hunter (daughter of Geoff and Angela) and Rob Otley married on Friday.

For Martin & Vicki Matthews celebrating their Ruby Wedding today.

The Ill and the Housebound: Especially Ray Angles, Ellen Benoy, Gunter Bouché, 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.

The Departed:

Collect

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things:
 graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all
 goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
 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 11.1–15

A reading from the second book of Samuel.

- ¹ In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.
- ² It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful.
- ³ David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, 'This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite.'
- ⁴ So David sent messengers to get her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house.
- ⁵ The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, 'I am pregnant.'
- ⁶ So David sent word to Joab, 'Send me Uriah the Hittite.' And Joab sent Uriah to David.
- ⁷ When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going.
- ⁸ Then David said to Uriah, 'Go down to your house, and wash your feet.' Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king.
- ⁹ But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house.
- ¹⁰ When they told David, 'Uriah did not go down to his house,' David said to Uriah, 'You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?'
- ¹¹ Uriah said to David, 'The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing.'
- ¹² Then David said to Uriah, 'Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back.' So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day,
- ¹³ David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house.
- ¹⁴ In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah.
- ¹⁵ In the letter he wrote, 'Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die.'

SECOND READING Ephesians 3.14–21

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

- ¹⁴ I bow my knees before the Father,
¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name.

16 I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened
17 in your inner being with power through his Spirit,
18 and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and
grounded in love.
19 I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth
and length and height and depth,
20 and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all
the fullness of God.
21 Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more
than all we can ask or imagine,
21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL John 6.1–21

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

1 Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias.
2 A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick.
3 Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples.
4 Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near.
5 When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, ‘Where
are we to buy bread for these people to eat?’
6 He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do.
7 Philip answered him, ‘Six months’ wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to
get a little.’
8 One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to Jesus,
9 ‘There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so
many people?’
10 Jesus said, ‘Make the people sit down.’ Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so
they sat down, about five thousand in all.
11 Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who
were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted.
12 When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, ‘Gather up the fragments left over, so that
nothing may be lost.’
13 So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those
who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets.
14 When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, ‘This is indeed the
prophet who is to come into the world.’
15 When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king,
he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.
16 When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake,
17 got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had
not yet come to them.
18 The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing.
19 When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and
coming near the boat, and they were terrified.
20 But he said to them, ‘It is I; do not be afraid.’
21 Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land
towards which they were going.

THIS WEEK

Mon	27	July	NO Toddlers' Group Pause (23 Whippendell Road)	7.30pm
Wed	29	July	Coffee in Church (Choir Vestry in use for U3A meeting)	10.30am-12 noon 10.00am - 12 noon)
Thur	30	July	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language) Choir Practice	10.00am 7.00-8.30pm
Sun	2	Aug	<u>TRINITY 8</u> Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language) SUNG EUCHARIST: (crèche available) Evening Prayer	8.00am 9.30am 6.30pm

NOTICES

APPOINTMENT OF PRIEST-IN-CHARGE FOR ST MICHAEL'S: The licensing and installation of Fr Geoff Calvert will be on Wednesday, 30 September – please keep the evening free.

PREPARING THE VICARAGE FOR THE NEW INCUMBENT: The vicarage has been empty for nearly a year and the interior needs some preparation before Fr Geoff moves in. Mainly woodwork needs washing and walls and ceilings need painting. We hope that some church members will be able and willing to help with this work which we wish to carry out with a series of working parties during August. Please sign the list on the signings table if you are able to give some time (anything from a few hours to a few days) to this. Thank you. Paul & Sylvia

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.

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. *The Quiz has been so popular that we are now in a third reprint and it has been decided that the closing date for entry will be 16 August.* 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.

FINAL COPY DATE FOR THE AUGUST SWORD is MIDDAY today, Sunday, 26 July. Hard copy or floppy disc to Dennis Beach or email to DENNIS.H.BEACH@sky.com.

BRING-&-SHARE LUNCH: Please sign the list for Wednesday 5th August.

THE NEXT PARISH WALK will be on Saturday 8th August. Meet outside the West Door of St Michael's at 10 am. Please sign the list.