



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 8

2 August 2009

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist, Fr George celebrates and preaches and Phil Gough leads the intercessions. A crèche is available.

Hymns: "I am the Light" (Music Notes), 317, 309 and 418

Setting: Aston

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

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

For your prayers this week:

The Church: Prince Singh, Bishop of Rochester, USA.

David Price and Anthony Searle – Ordination Candidates in the Deanery of St Albans.

Churches Together in Abbots Langley.

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

Peace in the European holiday resorts where there has been political unrest

The Community and Parish: Church based holiday clubs.

Local General Practitioners as they work with the pandemic of swine flu.

All who work in the leisure industry locally.

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

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING 2 Samuel 11.26 – 12.13a

A reading from the second book of Samuel.

- ²⁶ When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him.
- ²⁷ When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD,
- ¹ The LORD sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, 'There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor.
- ² The rich man had very many flocks and herds;
- ³ but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meagre fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him.
- ⁴ Now there came a traveller to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him.'
- ⁵ Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, 'As the LORD lives, the man who has done this deserves to die;
- ⁶ he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.'
- ⁷ Nathan said to David, 'You are the man! Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul;
- ⁸ I gave you your master's house, and your master's wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more.
- ⁹ Why have you despised the word of the LORD, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites.
- ¹⁰ Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.
- ¹¹ Thus says the LORD: I will raise up trouble against you from within your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes, and give them to your neighbour, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this very sun.
- ¹² For you did it secretly; but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun.'
- ¹³ David said to Nathan, 'I have sinned against the LORD.' Nathan said to David, 'Now the LORD has put away your sin; you shall not die.'

SECOND READING Ephesians 4.1–16

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

- ¹ I, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called,

2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love,
3 making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling,
5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
6 one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.
7 But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift.
8 Therefore it is said, 'When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave
9 gifts to his people.'
10 (When it says, 'He ascended,' what does it mean but that he had also descended into the
11 lower parts of the earth?
12 He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might
13 fill all things.)
14 The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some
15 pastors and teachers,
16 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,
17 until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to
18 maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.
19 We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of
20 doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming.
21 But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into
22 Christ,
23 from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is
24 equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up
25 in love.

GOSPEL John 6.24–35

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

24 When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were at the place where Jesus had
25 given the bread, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for
26 Jesus.
27 When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you
28 come here?'
29 Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw
30 signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves.
31 Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which
32 the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.'
33 Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?'
34 Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.'
35 So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and
36 believe you? What work are you performing?
37 Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from
38 heaven to eat."
39 Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread
40 from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven.
41 For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.'
42 They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.'
43 Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and
44 whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

THIS WEEK

Mon	3	Aug	Toddlers' Group	10.00 – 11.30am
Wed	5	Aug	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
			Bring-&-Share Lunch	12.30pm
Thur	6	Aug	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			Fairhaven	morning
Sat	8	Aug	Parish Walk	Leave church at 10.00am
Sun	9	Aug	<u>TRINITY 9</u>	
			SUNG EUCHARIST: (Preacher: Violet Allen-Smith) (crèche available)	9.30am
			Evening Prayer	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

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 extended to 16 August.*** All the completed quizzes will go into a draw and first correct entry will receive a small prize.

THE BRING-&-BUY SALE last week raised £45 for church general funds. Thank you to all who contributed.

THE HOLIDAY CLUB is in the week 17-21 August. People who are making items for different activities would be pleased to receive clean plastic milk bottle tops, fruit nets, coca cola bottle tops, kitchen roll holders. Please place in the box near the signings table.

INAUGURATION SERVICE FOR NEW BISHOP OF ST ALBANS is on Saturday September 19th at 2.30 pm in St Albans Abbey.

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.