



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 10
16 August 2009

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist, Fr George celebrates, Jamie Wareham preaches and Vicki Matthews leads the intercessions. A crèche is available.

Hymns: 619, 325 (ii), 301 and 315

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: Jerry Lamb, Bishop of San Joaquin, USA.
All Churches in the Deanery of Watford.
Those responsible for the Parishes of St John's and St Michael's during their vacancies.

The World: Peace in all troubled places especially in Iran and Afghanistan.
All prisoners and those in detention centres.
All affected by Typhoon Morakot in Taiwan.

The Community and Parish: St Michael's Holiday Club this week, Jane Talbot and all the helpers.
Church Schools in the Deanery of Watford.
The Local Ecumenical Partnership between St Michael's and West Watford Free Church.

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, Ray Shann, Maureen Swann, June Tatnall, Anne Wightman and Eric Wightman.

The Departed:

Collect

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants;
and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you;
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 I Kings 2.10–12; 3.3–14

A reading from the first book of Kings.

- ¹⁰ David slept with his ancestors, and was buried in the city of David.
¹¹ The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem.
¹² So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established.
³ Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places.
⁴ The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt-offerings on that altar.
⁵ At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.'
⁶ And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today.
⁷ And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in.
⁸ And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted.
⁹ Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?'
¹⁰ It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this.
¹¹ God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right,

- 12 I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.
- 13 I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honour all your life; no other king shall compare with you.
- 14 If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life.'

SECOND READING Ephesians 5.15–20

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

- Brothers and sisters,
- 15 be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise,
16 making the most of the time, because the days are evil.
17 So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.
18 Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit,
19 as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts,
20 giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL John 6.51–58

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

- Jesus said to the crowd:
- 51 'I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'
- 52 The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?'
- 53 So Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you.
54 Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day;
55 for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink.
56 Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them.
57 Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me.
58 This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.'

THIS WEEK

Mon	17	Aug	Toddlers' Group – Picnic in the park Holiday Club <u>Monday to Friday</u> in Church	9.45am – 12.15pm 3.00pm
Tue	18	Aug	Service at Chase Care Home	10.30am-12 noon
Wed	19	Aug	Coffee in <u>Choir Vestry</u>	10.00am
Thur	20	Aug	Holy Communion in <u>Choir Vestry</u>	
Sun	23	Aug	<u>TRINITY 11</u> <u>SUNG EUCHARIST:</u> Pres – Michael Carter (crèche available) Evening Prayer	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. Excellent progress has been made so far but there is still more to do. 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 the first correct entry will receive a small prize. Please put your completed entries in the box at the back.

THE HOLIDAY CLUB meets this 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. The usual Church weekday activities will take place in the Choir Vestry.

DIOCESAN INTERCESSION LIST: As you will have seen in Sword on 18 August our parish will be remembered in the Diocesan Intercession List at Evensong (said) at 5 pm. The Dean would like to know if any members of St Michael's are able to attend. If you think you will be going please let Sylvia know today.

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