



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 13

6 September 2009

A warm welcome to our services today.

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

Hymns: 346, 267, 534 (t424) and 369

Setting: Wilson

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

United Evening Service at Trinity Methodist at 6.30 pm

For your prayers this week:

The Church: John Gladstone, Bishop of South Kerala, South India.
Gary Russell to be licensed to St Albans, St Mary, Marshalswick.
Penny Nash to be licensed to the Berkhamsted Team Ministry with special responsibility for Potten End.

The World: Peace in all troubled places.
Those affected by the forest fires in California.

The Community and Parish: Beds and Herts Sponsored Bike Ride and Walk.
The Sunday School and St Michael's Kids Club as they start a new term.
Residential and Nursing Homes in the Parish.
Those responsible for appointing a new Rural Dean for Watford.

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

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:
 help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you;
 through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Proverbs 22.1–2, 8–9, 22–23

A reading from the book of Proverbs.

- ¹ A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favour is better than silver or gold.
² The rich and the poor have this in common: the LORD is the maker of them all.
⁸ Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail.
⁹ Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor.
²² Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate;
²³ for the LORD pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them.

SECOND READING James 2.1–10, 14–17

A reading from the letter of James.

- ¹ My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ?
² For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in,
³ and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please,' while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there,' or, 'Sit at my feet,'
⁴ have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts?
⁵ Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him?
⁶ But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court?
⁷ Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?
⁸ You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.'
⁹ But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors.

¹⁰ For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.
¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you?
¹⁵ If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food,
¹⁶ and one of you says to them, ‘Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,’ and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that?
¹⁷ So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

GOSPEL Mark 7.24–37

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

²⁴ Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice,
²⁵ but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet.
²⁶ Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter.
²⁷ He said to her, ‘Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.’
²⁸ But she answered him, ‘Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.’
²⁹ Then he said to her, ‘For saying that, you may go – the demon has left your daughter.’
³⁰ So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.
³¹ Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis.
³² They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him.
³³ He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue.
³⁴ Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, ‘Ephphatha,’ that is, ‘Be opened.’
³⁵ And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly.
³⁶ Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it.
³⁷ They were astounded beyond measure, saying, ‘He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.’

THIS WEEK

Mon	7	Sep	Toddlers' Group	10.00 – 11.30am
Tue	8	Sep	<i>Licensing and Installation of the Revd Gary Russell as priest-in-charge of St Mary, Marshalswick, St Albans</i>	8.00pm
Wed	9	Sep	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
			Service at Home Manor (Violet)	3.00pm
			Worship Committee (Choir Vestry)	8.00pm
Thur	10	Sep	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	12	Sep	RSCM Examinations in Choir Vestry	
			HISTORIC CHURCHES BIKE 'N HIKE (Church open all day for visiting cyclists and walkers)	
			Parish Walk taking in some of the local churches	
Sun	13	Sep	<u>TRINITY 14</u>	
			SUNG EUCHARIST: (PRES & PREACHER: THE REVD JONATHAN BEACH, Senior Chaplain at RAF Halton) with crèche and Sunday School	9.30am
			11.15 Service – Simple Eucharist	11.15am
			River Court Service	3.00pm
			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. Individual invitations for church members are available to pick up on a table in the north aisle. Please take your own and any that you are able to deliver. Fr Geoff has now moved into the Vicarage and he is living there in a private capacity until his service of licensing.

THE SPONSORED BIKE 'N HIKE DAY is next Saturday, 12 September. Please see Phil Gough if you are interested in cycling or walking. If you can help 'man' the Church during the Saturday, please sign the list on the signings table. Sponsors very welcome.

PREPARATION OF THE VICARAGE: Thank you to everyone who did anything towards preparing the Vicarage for its new residents. All the rooms look splendid and the garden very tidy.

EARTHWORKS ST ALBANS will welcome you to their Harvest Fair being held TODAY from 12 noon -4 pm at the Earthworks Site, Hixberry Lane, St Albans, AL4 0TZ. See Simon July for further information.

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

COFFEE MORNING IN AID OF THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY: 26 September 2009 in Church.

MICHAELMAS AND BACK-TO-CHURCH SUNDAY: 27 September 2009.