



# THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

*St Michael and All Angels*

Watford

TRINITY 14  
13 September 2009

A warm welcome to our services today. A special welcome to the Revd Jonathan Beach, Senior Chaplain at RAF Halton who is our celebrant and preacher this morning.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist, the Revd Jonathan Beach celebrates and preaches and Valerie Alvarez leads the intercessions. A crèche is available and there is Sunday School.

**Hymns: 81, 582, 501 and 617**

**Setting: Wilson**

Tea and coffee will be served in church after the 9.30 service and this is followed at 11.15 with our 11.15 service which this month is a Simple Eucharist – please stay on.

The monthly service at River Court is at 3.00 pm.

There is Evensong in the Lady Chapel at 6.30pm.

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

**The Church:** John Mwela, Bishop of Southern Highlands, Tanzania.  
God's blessing on the ministry of Bishop Alan as our Diocesan Bishop.  
Adrian Manning: Chaplain, St George's School, Harpenden.

**The World:** Peace in all troubled places.  
Those in our armed forces working for peace.  
Racial Justice Sunday.

**The Community and Parish:** The work of the Mothers' Union.  
Members of our Parochial Church Council meeting on Wednesday.  
River Court and the Chase Care Home where we have services this week.

**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:**

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## COLLECT

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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 Proverbs 1.20–33

A reading from the book of Proverbs.

<sup>20</sup> Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice.  
<sup>21</sup> At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:  
<sup>22</sup> ‘How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge?  
<sup>23</sup> Give heed to my reproof; I will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my words known to you.  
<sup>24</sup> Because I have called and you refused, have stretched out my hand and no one heeded,  
<sup>25</sup> and because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof,  
<sup>26</sup> I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when panic strikes you,  
<sup>27</sup> when panic strikes you like a storm, and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you.  
<sup>28</sup> Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but will not find me.  
<sup>29</sup> Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the LORD,  
<sup>30</sup> would have none of my counsel, and despised all my reproof,  
<sup>31</sup> therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way and be sated with their own devices.  
<sup>32</sup> For waywardness kills the simple, and the complacency of fools destroys them;  
<sup>33</sup> but those who listen to me will be secure and will live at ease, without dread of disaster.’

## SECOND READING James 3.1–12

A reading from the letter of James.

<sup>1</sup> Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness.  
<sup>2</sup> For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle.  
<sup>3</sup> If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies.  
<sup>4</sup> Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs.

5 So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a  
forest is set ablaze by a small fire!  
6 And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of  
iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on  
fire by hell.  
7 For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and  
has been tamed by the human species,  
8 but no one can tame the tongue – a restless evil, full of deadly poison.  
9 With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in  
the likeness of God.  
10 From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this  
ought not to be so.  
11 Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water?  
12 Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more  
can salt water yield fresh.

## **GOSPEL Mark 8.27–38**

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

27 Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way  
he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that I am?’  
28 And they answered him, ‘John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one  
of the prophets.’  
29 Jesus asked them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Peter answered him, ‘You are  
the Messiah.’  
30 And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.  
31 Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and  
be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after  
three days rise again.  
32 He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.  
33 But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, ‘Get behind me,  
Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.’  
34 He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, ‘If any want to become my  
followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.  
35 For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for  
my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.  
36 For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life?  
37 Indeed, what can they give in return for their life?  
38 Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful  
generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the  
glory of his Father with the holy angels.’

## THIS WEEK

Mon	14	Sep	Toddlers' Group	10.00 – 11.30am
Tue	15	Sep	Service at the Chase Care Home	3.00pm
Wed	16	Sep	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
			PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL	7.55pm
Thur	17	Sep	Mothers' Union Corporate Communion followed by meeting in Choir Vestry	10.00am
			Kids' Club	3.30 – 5.00pm
			Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
Sat	19	Sep	<i>Inauguration Service for new Bishop of St Albans at St Albans Abbey</i>	2.30pm
Sun	20	Sep	<b>TRINITY 15</b> <b>SUNG EUCHARIST:</b> with crèche and Sunday School	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. 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.

OCTOBER SWORD: Although the final copy date for the October *SWORD* is shown in this month's *SWORD* as 27 September, Dennis would appreciate receiving any copy by Thursday 24 September. He wishes to have the magazine ready for the printers by the following Monday so that we have the new magazine in church for Fr. Geoff's licensing. Hard copy or floppy disc to Dennis Beach or email to [DENNIS.H.BEACH@sky.com](mailto:DENNIS.H.BEACH@sky.com).

REFRESHMENTS FOR LICENSING SERVICE: If anyone is willing to provide a plate of items for a finger buffet after the Licensing Service on 30 September, please see Sylvia Moring.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING: On 4 October. The 9.30 Service will be Fr Geoff's first celebration at St Michael's. We shall be supporting the Bishop of St Albans Harvest Appeal by collecting donations for fresh water; in addition we shall be having a collection of dried goods which will be taken to the New Hope Trust.

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 from 10.30 – 12 noon. Posters and handbills are available please distribute these if you can.

MICHAELMAS AND BACK-TO-CHURCH SUNDAY: 27 September 2009. Can you invite someone to attend our 9.30 service which will be taken by the Revd David Tuck.