



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 15
20 September 2009

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist, Fr George celebrates, Martin Heath preaches and Anne Eccleshall leads the intercessions. A crèche is available and there is Sunday School.

Hymns: 557, 385, 279 and 393

Setting: Wilson

Tea and coffee will be served in church after the 9.30 service – please stay on.

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

For your prayers this week:

The Church: Thomas Butler, Bishop of Southwark; Nicholas Baines, Richard Cheetham, Christopher Chessun, Suffragan Bishops of Croydon, Kingston-Upon-Thames and Woolwich.
Anglican Methodist Covenant Relationships in the Diocese.
Retired Clergy and Lay Ministers in the Deanery of Wheathampstead.

The World: Peace in all troubled places.
For a speedy resolution to the problems at the Royal Mail depots.
Those concerned with the world economic situation.

The Community and Parish: Church members starting or returning to their University courses.
The work of the Children's Society and our Coffee Morning next Saturday in their aid.

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

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love:

grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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 31.10–31

A reading from the book of Proverbs.

- ¹⁰ A capable wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels.
¹¹ The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain.
¹² She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life.
¹³ She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands.
¹⁴ She is like the ships of the merchant, she brings her food from far away.
¹⁵ She rises while it is still night and provides food for her household and tasks for her servant-girls.
¹⁶ She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.
¹⁷ She girds herself with strength, and makes her arms strong.
¹⁸ She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out at night.
¹⁹ She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle.
²⁰ She opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hands to the needy.
²¹ She is not afraid for her household when it snows, for all her household are clothed in crimson.
²² She makes herself coverings; her clothing is fine linen and purple.
²³ Her husband is known in the city gates, taking his seat among the elders of the land.
²⁴ She makes linen garments and sells them; she supplies the merchant with sashes.
²⁵ Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come.
²⁶ She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.
²⁷ She looks well to the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness.
²⁸ Her children rise up and call her happy; her husband too, and he praises her:
²⁹ 'Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all.'
³⁰ Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.
³¹ Give her a share in the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the city gates.

SECOND READING James 3.13 – 4.3, 7–8a

A reading from the letter of James.

- ¹³ Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom.
- ¹⁴ But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth.
- ¹⁵ Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish.
- ¹⁶ For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind.
- ¹⁷ But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy.
- ¹⁸ And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.
- ¹ Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you?
- ² You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask.
- ³ You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.
- ⁷ Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.
- ⁸ Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

GOSPEL Mark 9.30–37

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

- ³⁰ Jesus and his disciples went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;
- ³¹ for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, ‘The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.’
- ³² But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.
- ³³ Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, ‘What were you arguing about on the way?’
- ³⁴ But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest.
- ³⁵ He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, ‘Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.’
- ³⁶ Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them,
- ³⁷ ‘Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.’

THIS WEEK

Mon	21	Sep	Toddlers' Group	10.00 – 11.30am
Wed	23	Sep	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
			Pause (23 Whippendell Road)	7.30pm
Thur	24	Sep	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			Kids' Club	3.30 – 5.00pm
			Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
Sat	26	Sep	Coffee Morning in Church in Aid of the Children's Society	10.30am
Sun	27	Sep	MICHAELMAS – Back to Church Sunday	
			SUNG EUCHARIST: with crèche and Sunday School	9.30am
			(President & Preacher – the Revd David Tuck)	
			followed by Bring-&-Buy Sale	
			Evening Prayer (NOT Choral Evensong as in Sword)	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. 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.

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.

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.

HAROLD MEYER MEMORIAL LECTURE: (Faiths and Global Vision) will take place on Wednesday 23rd September at 7.30 pm in the Small Hall of the Watford Colosseum. Speaker: The Rt Hon John Battle MP. Light refreshments provided. Full details in *Sword*.

THE BRING-&-BUY SALE on 30th August raised £64. Many thanks to all who contributed.

MICHAELMAS AND BACK-TO-CHURCH SUNDAY: 27 September 2009. Can **YOU** invite someone to attend our 9.30 service?