

THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

4 October 2009

A warm welcome to our services today as we celebrate Harvest.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist, Fr Geoff celebrates and preaches and Pam Hart leads the intercessions. A crèche is available.

Hymns: 270, 273, “Lord, bring the day to pass” (words in *Music Notes*) and 275.

There is a special service booklet for the Celebration of Harvest.

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

United Evening Service at Trinity Methodist

6.30pm

For your prayers this week:

The Church: John Davies, Bishop of Swansea and Brecon.
Bishop’s Harvest Appeal 2009 “Give Water for Life”.

Barton-le-Cley with Higham Gobion and Hexton: Graham Newton.

The World: Peace in all troubled places. The success of the talks about Iran’s nuclear programme.

Those suffering from the effects of the tsunami and earthquakes in Indonesia and Samoa and the typhoon and flooding in South East Asia.
Solution to the postal dispute.

The Community and Parish: Give thanks for all the good things in our lives: for safe drinking water and enough food, good housing and education, for friends from many nations.

For all who will benefit from our harvest gifts; the New Hope Trust.

Animal Welfare Sunday: a growing awareness of our responsibility towards animals.

The Ill and the Housebound: Especially Ray Angles, Ellen Benoy, Gunter Bouché, John Brown, 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: John Ausden, (79) Woodland Drive..

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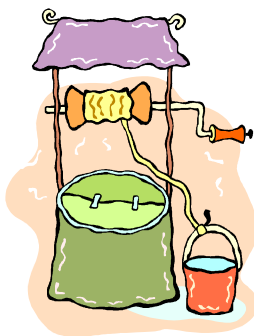
Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season:
grant that we may use them to your glory,
for the relief of those in need
and for our own well-being;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

NEW TESTAMENT READING | Timothy 6.6–10

A reading from the first letter of Paul to Timothy.

- ⁶ There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment;
⁷ for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it;
⁸ but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these.
⁹ But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.
¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

Please support
the Bishop of St Albans
Harvest Appeal for fresh water



GOSPEL Matthew 6.25–33

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

Jesus said to his disciples:

²⁵ ‘Do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?

²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?

²⁷ And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?

²⁸ And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin,

²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these.

³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you – you of little faith?

³¹ Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?”

³² For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.

³³ But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.’



THIS WEEK

Mon	5	Oct	Toddlers' Group	10.00 – 11.30am
Wed	7	Oct	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
			Bring-and-Share Lunch	12.30 pm
			Bible Study (John 8) – Choir Vestry	8.00pm
Thur	8	Oct	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			St Anthony's	morning
			Memorial Service for John Ausden	2.30pm
			Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
Sat	10	Oct	Parish walk	leave church at 10am
Sun	11	Oct	<u>TRINITY 18</u>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST: with crèche and Sunday School	9.30am
			(President & Preacher – Fr Geoff)	
			11.15 Service (taken by Youth Group)	11.15am
			Service at River Court	3.00pm
			Evening Prayer	6.30pm

NOTICES

HARVEST THANKSGIVING: The 9.30 Service today is 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. Leaflets listing the items that the New Hope Trust find most useful are in the church.

8 AM SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION ON SUNDAYS: This will be held on every Sunday as from 4 October. Please tell anyone you know who normally attends.

BRING-&-SHARE LUNCH AND PARISH WALK: Please sign the lists on the signings table. The lunch is on 7 October and the walk on 10 October.

KIDS' CLUB: Please note that because of the Memorial Service for John Ausden at 2.30 pm on Thursday, 8 October, there will be no meeting of the Kids' Club on that day.

MOSAIC will be giving a concert here on Saturday, 17 October, at 7.30 pm singing a programme of French music including the Fauré Requiem. See handbills for details.

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY COFFEE MORNING raised £179.70 and last Sunday's bring-&-buy raised £27 for church funds. Many thanks.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE: It is time for any new names to be added to the Book of Remembrance which is kept in the Lady Chapel. If you would like to have a name added to the Book please see Violet Allen-Smith as soon as possible. All the names in the book form our Chantry List and are read out at the 8 am service on our Memorial Sunday (1 November).

CONFIRMATION: Fr Geoff is hoping to start a group of people (all ages welcome) to explore the possibility of confirmation on 24 February 2010. Please speak to him as soon as possible if you want to know more.