



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 18
11 October 2009

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist, Fr Geoff celebrates and preaches and Sylvia Moring leads the intercessions. A crèche is available and there is Sunday School.

Hymns: 502, 386, 435 (i) and 191

Setting: Rawsthorne

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 of Thanksgiving and Praise presented by the Youth Group – please stay on.

The monthly service at River Court is at 3.00 pm.

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

For your prayers this week:

The Church: Phillip Baji, Bishop of Tanga, Tanzania.

Those working for peace and justice.

Silsoe, Pulloxhill and Filton: Vicar - Stephen Holroyd.

The World: People of Samoa and Indonesia recovering from natural disaster.

People of Afghanistan, and our armed forces personnel serving there.

Our elected representatives in local and national government.

The Community and Parish: The Multicultural Centre AGM.

The visit of the Bishop of St Albans to Watford Deanery.

Local schoolchildren visiting our Church this week.

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, Stella Nicholas, 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 and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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 Job 23.1–9, 16–17

A reading from the book of Job.

- ¹ Job answered his companions:
² 'Today also my complaint is bitter; his hand is heavy despite my groaning.
³ Oh, that I knew where I might find him, that I might come even to his dwelling!
⁴ I would lay my case before him, and fill my mouth with arguments.
⁵ I would learn what he would answer me, and understand what he would say to me.
⁶ Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power? No; but he would give heed to me.
⁷ There an upright person could reason with him, and I should be acquitted for ever by my judge.
⁸ If I go forward, he is not there; or backward, I cannot perceive him;
⁹ on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him; I turn to the right, but I cannot see him.
¹⁶ God has made my heart faint; the Almighty has terrified me;
¹⁷ If only I could vanish in darkness, and thick darkness would cover my face!'

SECOND READING Hebrews 4.12–16

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

- ¹² The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.
¹³ And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.
¹⁴ Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession.

- 15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin.
- 16 Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

GOSPEL Mark 10.17-31

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

- 17 As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?'
- 18 Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone.'
- 19 You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother."'
- 20 He said to Jesus, 'Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.'
- 21 Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.'
- 22 When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.
- 23 Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, 'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!'
- 24 And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!
- 25 It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.'
- 26 They were greatly astounded and said to one another, 'Then who can be saved?'
- 27 Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.'
- 28 Peter began to say to him, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you.'
- 29 Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news,
- 30 who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age – houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields – but with persecutions – and in the age to come eternal life.
- 31 But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'

THIS WEEK

Mon	12	Oct	Toddlers' Group <i>(Bishop of St Albans to visit Watford Deanery)</i>	10.00 – 11.30am
Tue	13	Oct	Laurance Haines School Harvest Prayer Group (Choir Vestry) <i>(Multi-Cultural Community Centre AGM)</i> Rehearsal in Church for Mosaic	morning 2.30pm 7.30pm 8.00 – 10.00pm
Wed	14	Oct	Coffee in Church Service at Home Manor	10.30am-12 noon 3.00pm
Thur	15	Oct	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language) attended by Mothers' Union and followed by meeting Chater Infants School Kids' Club Choir Practice	10.00am 1.30pm 3.30 – 5.00pm 7.00 – 8.30pm
Sat	17	Oct	MOSAIC CONCERT in CHURCH	7.30pm
Sun	18	Oct	St LUKE Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff) SUNG EUCHARIST: with crèche and Sunday School (President: Fr Geoff; Preacher: Martin Heath) Baptism of Dominic David John Scott Baptism of Ciara Jesse Louise Juanita Eames-Cole Evening Prayer	8.00am 9.30am 12.30pm 2.30pm 6.30pm

NOTICES

THANK YOU to everyone who contributed in any way to the Service of Licensing and Installation last Wednesday. It was a splendid occasion and a good welcome to Father Geoff. Thank you to those who took part in the service, who arranged the flowers and who provided the refreshments.

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.

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.

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 this week. All the names in the book from our Chantry List and are read out at the 8 am service on our Memorial Sunday (1 November).

CHRISTMAS FAIR on Saturday, 14 November, from 11 am – 2.30 pm. This is an important occasion when we open the church doors to our neighbours and make new friends. It is also a time when we hope to raise some money to help pay our housekeeping bills. Please think how you can help. We need items to sell, people to run stalls, and food for the Littlebury lunches which, this year, will be led by Alison Makin. We look forward to hearing from you. Sylvia and Paul.

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