



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

LUKE the EVANGELIST

18 October 2009

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist, Fr Geoff celebrates, Martin Heath preaches and Neil Hart leads the intercessions. A crèche is available and there is Sunday School.

Hymns: 591, 216 (ii), 347 and 622

Setting: Rawsthorne

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

The Baptism of Dominic David John Scott is at 12.30 pm

The Baptism of Ciara Jesse Louise Juanita Eames-Cole is at 2.30 pm

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

For your prayers this week:

The Church: Azad Marshall, Bishop of the Gulf, Pakistan.
Ecumenical Workplace Chaplains in the Deanery of Ampthill.
One World Week which begins today.

The World: People of Samoa and Indonesia recovering from natural disaster.
World Peace – as the Week of Prayer ends.
United Nations Day next Saturday.

The Community and Parish: Dominic David John Scott and Ciara Jesse Louise Juanita Eames-Cole to be baptised this afternoon.

Those planning hospital provision in West Hertfordshire.

A swift resolution to the postal workers dispute.

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, Maureen Swann, June Tatnall, Anne Wightman and Eric Wightman.

The Departed:

COLLECT

Almighty God, you called Luke the physician, whose praise is in the gospel, to be an evangelist and physician of the soul:
by the grace of the Spirit and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel, give your Church the same love and power to heal;
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 Isaiah 35.3–6

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

³ Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees.

⁴ Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.'

⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

⁶ then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert.

SECOND READING 2 Timothy 4.5–17

A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy.

⁵ As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

⁶ As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come.

⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

⁸ From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

⁹ Do your best to come to me soon,

¹⁰ for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia.

- 11 Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry.
- 12 I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus.
- 13 When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments.
- 14 Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will pay him back for his deeds.
- 15 You also must beware of him, for he strongly opposed our message.
- 16 At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them!
- 17 But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth.

GOSPEL Luke 10.1–9

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

- 1 The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go.
- 2 He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.
- 3 Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves.
- 4 Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road.
- 5 Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!"
- 6 And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you.
- 7 Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house.
- 8 Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you;
- 9 cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you."

THIS WEEK

Mon	19	Oct	Toddlers' Group	10.00 – 11.30am
Tue	20	Oct	Service at The Chase Care Home	3.00 pm
			Worship Committee (Choir Vestry)	8.00pm
Wed	21	Oct	Mission & Stewardship Committee (Clergy Vestry)	10.00 am
			Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
			PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL	7.45 for 7.55pm
Thur	22	Oct	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			Kids' Club	3.30 – 5.00pm
			Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
Fri	23	Oct	Publicity Committee	9.30am
Sun	25	Oct	<u>BIBLE SUNDAY</u>	
			<i>British Summer Time ends – put clocks back</i>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST: with crèche and Sunday School	9.30am
			(President and Preacher: Fr George)	
			Followed by Bring-&-Buy Sale	
			Baptism for Lily-Mai Schmid	2.00pm
			Evening Prayer (Off: Fr Geoff)	6.30pm

NOTICES

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.

THE TELEPHONE at the Vicarage is now working and has the old telephone number of 01923 232460. Fr Geoff can also be contacted by email: geoffrey.calvert@yahoo.co.uk.

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 today. 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).

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, Paul and Norma.

FINAL COPY DATE FOR THE NOVEMBER *WORD* is MIDDAY next Sunday, 25 October. Hard copy or floppy disc to Dennis Beach or email to dhbeach@sky.com (**please note change of email address**).

CHOIR VESTRY LOCK: This has been changed. Please see Paul or Sylvia if you need to have the new key.

CONFIRMATION: Fr Geoff is planning to start a group of people (all ages welcome) who can explore the possibility of confirmation on 24 February 2010. There will be a meeting for any young people who are interested at the Vicarage at 4.00 pm today, Sunday 18th October.