



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

28 February 2010

A warm welcome to everyone to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist, Fr George celebrates and preaches and Pam Hart leads the intercessions. A crèche is available and there is Sunday School.

Hymns: 368, 100, 366 and 480

Setting: Oldroyd

Tea and coffee will be served in church after the 9.30 service and there will be a Bring-&-Buy Sale – please stay on.

Evening Prayer in the Lady Chapel is at 6.30pm

For your prayers this week:

The Church: Hospital Chaplains in our Diocese
Inter-faith work in our Diocese
The Archbishop of Canterbury

The World: The people of Madeira, and visitors affected by the recent disaster
The prevention of nuclear proliferation
The fight against terrorism in Northern Ireland

The Community and Parish: The newly confirmed members of our Church family
Our prospective parliamentary and local government candidates
The process of choosing a new Bishop of Hertford

The Ill and the Housebound: Especially Ray Angles, Gunter Bouché, Christopher Browne, Mel Browne, John Brown, , Peter Coley, Bill Craddock-Jones, Marion Craddock-Jones, Jean Crouch, June Dickinson, Kate Dickinson, Jocelyn Harewood, Neil Hart, Gladys Holloway, Jenny Houghton, Lionel Jones, Mary Kearns, Kate Kirwan, Vera Levinson, Jacqui Lyons, Loretta Lynch, Maggie Maguire, 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: Marjorie Carlisle (Violet's sister)

Collect

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness:
grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Genesis 15.1–12, 17–18

A reading from the book of Genesis.

- 1 The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.'
- 2 But Abram said, 'O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?'
- 3 And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.'
- 4 But the word of the LORD came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.'
- 5 He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.'
- 6 And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.
- 7 Then he said to him, 'I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.'
- 8 But he said, 'O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?'
- 9 He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.'
- 10 He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two.
- 11 And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.
- 12 As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.
- 17 When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces.

- ¹⁸ On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.'

SECOND READING Philippians 3.17 – 4.1

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

- ¹⁷ Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us.
- ¹⁸ For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears.
- ¹⁹ Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things.
- ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.
- ²¹ He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.
- ¹ Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

GOSPEL Luke 13.31–35

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

- ³¹ At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.'
- ³² He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work.
- ³³ Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem."
- ³⁴ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!
- ³⁵ See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."

THIS WEEK

Mon	1	Mar	Toddlers' Group	10.00 – 11.30am
			Radlett Choral Society rehearsal in church (late afternoon & evening)	
Tue	2	Mar	St Michael's Lent Groups (see below)	
Wed	3	Mar	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
			Bring-&-Share Lunch	12.30 pm
			Bible Study (Choir Vestry) (Gospel of John, ch 11)	8.00pm
Thur	4	Mar	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			Fairhaven	morning
			Choir Practice	7.00 - 8.30pm
Sat	6	Mar	Parish Walk leaving church at 10.00 am	
			RADLETT CHORAL SOCIETY afternoon rehearsal and	
			EVENING CONCERT	7.30pm
Sun	7	Mar	<u>THIRD SUNDAY of LENT</u>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST: with crèche and Sunday School	9.30am
			(President and Preacher: Fr Geoff)	
			Evening Lenten Meditation lead by the Pause group	6.30pm

NOTICES

ST MICHAEL'S LENT GROUPS: There are two Lent Groups, following the Lent Course written by the Bishops of St Albans, Hertford and Bedford, "Words of Challenge, Words of Life". An introduction to the course is available at the back of Church. They will be on Tuesday Evenings, 8.00pm at 134 Mildred Avenue, and Tuesday Afternoons, 3.00pm, at the Vicarage. Signing sheet at back of Church.

ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION: This year's revision will commence on 14th March and finish on Sunday 4th April. A copy of the current Roll is on the notice board at the back of the Church for you to check. If anyone would like their name added to the Roll, please get a form from Fr Geoff or Henry or Sylvia Moring. If you have changed your email address or telephone number could you also inform us please.

CHALLENGE: The sheets for the Bishop's Challenge for Lent are available at the back of Church

BRING-&-SHARE LUNCH: Please sign the list for Wednesday 3 March.

PARISH WALK: Please sign the list for Saturday, 6 March.

HELP IS NEEDED TO MAKE simnel cakes for Mothering Sunday (14 March) to be eaten after the 9.30 service on that day.

THE VIGIL as usual is from the evening of Maundy Thursday to the morning of Good Friday. Please sign the list by the Mildred Avenue door if you are able to keep watch for an hour or more.

PUBLICITY for many different services and activities is available by the west door. Please display where you can.