



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

PENTECOST

23 May 2010

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Sung Eucharist, Fr George celebrates, and preaches and Paul Chandler leads the intercessions. A crèche and Sunday School are available.

Hymns: 178,195, 175 (i) and 183

Setting: Aston

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

Evening Prayer is at 6.30 pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: Church Schools in our Diocese
The Anglican Methodist Covenant
The Anglican Church in Lesotho

The World: Good Industrial Relations
Our Justice System and those who work in it
Support for marriage and family life

The Community and Parish: Couples preparing for marriage
Our Area Dean and Deanery Churches
Children's work in our Church

The Ill and the Housebound: Especially Brian Barnard, Peter Coley, Bill and Marion Craddock-Jones, Jean Crouch, June Dickinson, David and Janet Freeman, Jocelyn Harewood, Susetta Hartropp, Gladys Holloway, Jenny Houghton, Susan Jones, Mary Kearns, Kate Kirwan, Vera Levinson, Jacqui Lyons, Maggie Maguire, Dorcas Ochola, Gaynor Osbourne, Myrtle Powell, Bryony Purse, Elaine Robinson, June Tatnall, Margaret Taylor, Eric and Anne Wightman.

The Departed: Roy Seaman (friend of Bill Craddock-Jones).

Collect

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:
grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Acts 2.1–21

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

- ¹ When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.
² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.
³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.
⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.
⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem.
⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in their native language.
⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?
⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?
⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,
¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,
¹¹ Cretans and Arabs – in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.'
¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?'
¹³ But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'
¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.
¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning.
¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:
¹⁷ "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.
¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

- ¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
- ²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
- ²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

SECOND READING Romans 8.14–17

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

- ¹⁴ All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.
- ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’
- ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God,
- ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ – if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

GOSPEL John 14.8–17

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

- ⁸ Philip said to Jesus, ‘Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.’
- ⁹ Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, “Show us the Father”?’
- ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works.
- ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves.
- ¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father.
- ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.
- ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.
- ¹⁵ If you love me, you will keep my commandments.
- ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever.
- ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

THIS WEEK

Mon	24	May	Toddlers' Group	10 – 11.30am
Tue	25	May	Intercessory Prayer Group (Choir Vestry)	2.30pm
Wed	26	May	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
Thur	27	May	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
Sat	29	May	Kids' Saturday	2.00 – 4.00pm
Sun	30	May	<u>TRINITY SUNDAY</u>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST: with crèche and Sunday School	9.30am
			(President and Preacher: Fr Geoff)	
			followed by a Bring-&-Buy Sale	
			Evening Prayer	6.30pm

NOTICES

PLANT SALE: Thank you to everyone who supported this. The total collected was nearly £540. All the proceeds go towards our missionary and charitable giving.

PCC COMMITTEES: Membership of the committees is open to all. There are lists at the west end for you to sign if you are willing to go on a committee.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK – For many years St Michael's has taken part in the street collection in Watford and raised about £1000. Unfortunately, it has been getting more difficult to find people willing to go out and knock on doors for donations and we need to think of alternative methods of fund-raising. Can you think of any? **IF YOU NORMALLY PUT SOMETHING IN AN ENVELOPE WOULD YOU PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT CHRISTIAN AID AND PLACE YOUR ENVELOPE IN THE BOX AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.** We need to send our donations soon.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES: Please give your box to Norma for emptying.

MOTHERS' UNION BIBLE SEARCH QUIZ: Copies of this (price £1) are available at the back of the church. The quiz has Bible references given for all the questions and we hope that answering the questions will be an enjoyable and informative experience. All the proceeds from the sale of the quiz will go towards the MU project to buy bicycles for MU leaders in Mozambique (see *May Sword*).

BRING-&-SHARE LUNCH (2 June) & PARISH WALK (5 June) Please sign the lists on the signings table if you wish to attend either of these occasions.

CAR PARKING: If you use a car to come to church for the 9.30 service could you please park it in Mildred Avenue where it is free to park on Sunday mornings and leave the space outside the door so that disabled people who get lifts and people driving electric scooters are able to get through the glass doors. Thank you.

ST MARY'S PRE-SCHOOL IN WATFORD are looking for a Co-Leader to join the team at this Christian Pre-School from September 2010. 20 hours a week, mornings only. For more information contact Gill Watson on 01923 240368 or gwatson65@ntlworld.com