



# THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

*St Michael and All Angels*

Watford

**TRINITY SUNDAY**

30 May 2010

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Sung Eucharist, Fr Geoff celebrates and preaches and Valerie Alvarez leads the intercessions. A crèche and Sunday School are available.

**Hymns: 202, 426, 466 and 392**

**Setting: Aston**

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

Evening Prayer in Lady Chapel is at 6.30pm.

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## **For your prayers this week:**

**The Church:** The Church of the Province of Melanesia and David Vungai, its Archbishop.

The Anglican Church in Papua New Guinea.

Ministry with people who are blind or partially sighted.

**The World:** Christian Aid volunteer workers.

All who have recently lost loved ones in disasters, accidents, conflict and crime.

The dialogue between Science, Ethics, and Religious Faith.

**The Community and Parish:** Trinity Methodist Church.

Our Ministry in residential and nursing homes and sheltered housing.

Shops, industry and business in our parish.

**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:**

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**Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity:

keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities;

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 Proverbs 8.1–4, 22–31**

A reading from the book of Proverbs.

Thus says the wisdom of God:

- <sup>1</sup> Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice?  
<sup>2</sup> On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand;  
<sup>3</sup> beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out:  
<sup>4</sup> ‘To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live.  
<sup>22</sup> The LORD created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago.  
<sup>23</sup> Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth.  
<sup>24</sup> When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water.  
<sup>25</sup> Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth –  
<sup>26</sup> when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world’s first bits of soil.  
<sup>27</sup> When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,  
<sup>28</sup> when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep,  
<sup>29</sup> when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth,

<sup>30</sup> then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his  
delight, rejoicing before him always,  
<sup>31</sup> rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.’

## **SECOND READING Romans 5.1–5**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

<sup>1</sup> Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our  
Lord Jesus Christ,  
<sup>2</sup> through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we  
stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.  
<sup>3</sup> And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that  
suffering produces endurance,  
<sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,  
<sup>5</sup> and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been  
poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to  
us.

## **GOSPEL John 16.12–15**

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

Jesus said to his disciples:

<sup>12</sup> ‘I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.  
<sup>13</sup> When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth;  
for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears,  
and he will declare to you the things that are to come.  
<sup>14</sup> He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to  
you.  
<sup>15</sup> All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take  
what is mine and declare it to you.’

## THIS WEEK

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| Mon  | 31 | May  | <i>Bank Holiday</i><br>NO Toddlers' Group  |                                      |
| Wed  | 2  | June | Coffee in Church<br>Bring-&-Share Lunch<br>Bible Study (Choir Vestry)  | 10.30am-12 noon<br>12.30pm<br>8.00pm |
| Thur | 3  | June | Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)<br>Fairhaven<br>Choir Practice  | 10.00am<br>morning<br>7.00 – 8.30pm  |
| Sat  | 5  | June | Parish Walk  | from 10.00am                         |
| Sun  | 6  | June | <b><u>TRINITY 1</u></b><br>Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George)<br><b>SUNG EUCHARIST:</b> with crèche and Sunday School<br>(President: Fr Geoff; Preacher: Martin Heath)<br>Evening Prayer | 8.00am<br><b>9.30am</b><br>6.30pm    |

## **NOTICES**

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

**CHRISTIAN AID:**—If you normally put something in a Christian Aid 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 support 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.

**GIVING:** A list of envelope numbers with the total amounts they contained during the tax year 2009-2010 is on the information notice board at the west end. This information could be useful for completing tax returns when gift aid is involved. Anyone who pays income tax can gift aid their giving to the church and this enables us to claim 28p extra on every £1 that is given. If you want to know more please see one of the Churchwardens or the Treasurer.