



# THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

*St Michael and All Angels*

Watford

**FIRST SUNDAY after TRINITY**

6 June 2010

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Sung Eucharist, Fr Geoff celebrates, Martin Heath preaches and Sylvia Moring leads the intercessions. A crèche and Sunday School are available.

**Hymns: 214 (t546), 347, 278 and 534 (t424)**

**Setting: Wilson**

Coffee and tea will be served in church after the 9.30 service – please stay on.

Evening Prayer in Lady Chapel is at 6.30pm.

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

**The Church:** Clergy and Congregations helping bereaved, injured and traumatised people in Cumbria.

The Anglican Church in Mexico, and Carlos Touche-Porter, its Presiding Bishop.

The USPG Annual Conference.

**The World:** The people of Cumbria

Peace between Israel and the Palestinian people.

Christian Aid's partners in South Africa.

**The Community and Parish:** Couples preparing for marriage.

The work of the Hospital Chaplaincy.

Churches Together in Central, South and West Watford.

**The Ill and the Housebound:** Especially Brian Barnard, Peter Coley, Bill and Marion Craddock-Jones, Fiona Craddock, 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**

○ God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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 I Kings 17.8–16**

A reading from the first book of Kings.

- <sup>8</sup> The word of the LORD came to Elijah, saying,  
<sup>9</sup> ‘Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.’  
<sup>10</sup> So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, ‘Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.’  
<sup>11</sup> As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, ‘Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.’  
<sup>12</sup> But she said, ‘As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.’  
<sup>13</sup> Elijah said to her, ‘Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son.’  
<sup>14</sup> For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth.’  
<sup>15</sup> She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days.  
<sup>16</sup> The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

## SECOND READING Galatians 1.11–24

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Galatians.

- <sup>11</sup> I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel that was proclaimed by me is not of human origin;
- <sup>12</sup> for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.
- <sup>13</sup> You have heard, no doubt, of my earlier life in Judaism. I was violently persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it.
- <sup>14</sup> I advanced in Judaism beyond many among my people of the same age, for I was far more zealous for the traditions of my ancestors.
- <sup>15</sup> But when God, who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace, was pleased
- <sup>16</sup> to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with any human being,
- <sup>17</sup> nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were already apostles before me, but I went away at once into Arabia, and afterwards I returned to Damascus.
- <sup>18</sup> Then after three years I did go up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and stayed with him fifteen days;
- <sup>19</sup> but I did not see any other apostle except James the Lord's brother.
- <sup>20</sup> In what I am writing to you, before God, I do not lie!
- <sup>21</sup> Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia,
- <sup>22</sup> and I was still unknown by sight to the churches of Judea that are in Christ;
- <sup>23</sup> they only heard it said, 'The one who formerly was persecuting us is now proclaiming the faith he once tried to destroy.'
- <sup>24</sup> And they glorified God because of me.

## GOSPEL Luke 7.11–17

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

- <sup>11</sup> Jesus went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went with him.
- <sup>12</sup> As he approached the gate of the town, a man who had died was being carried out. He was his mother's only son, and she was a widow; and with her was a large crowd from the town.
- <sup>13</sup> When the Lord saw her, he had compassion for her and said to her, 'Do not weep.'
- <sup>14</sup> Then he came forward and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, 'Young man, I say to you, rise!'
- <sup>15</sup> The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother.
- <sup>16</sup> Fear seized all of them; and they glorified God, saying, 'A great prophet has risen among us!' and 'God has looked favourably on his people!'
- <sup>17</sup> This word about him spread throughout Judea and all the surrounding country.

## THIS WEEK

Mon	7	June	Toddlers' Group	10 – 11.30am
			Service at River Court	3.00pm
Wed	9	June	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
			Service at Home Manor	3.00pm
Thur	10	June	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			St Anthony's	morning
			Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
Sun	13	June	<b><u>TRINITY 2 – Music Sunday</u></b>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George)	8.00am
			<b>SUNG EUCHARIST:</b> with crèche and Sunday School	<b>9.30am</b>
			(President and Preacher: Fr Geoff)	
			11.15 Service of Thanksgiving and Praise	11.15am
			Youth Group Lunch	12.30pm
			Evening Prayer	6.30pm

## **NOTICES**

**CHRISTIAN AID:**–The total so far raised is £259.40. This needs to be paid in to the bank this week. If you wish to give something please do so now. We hope to have a fund-raising effort to increase our giving to Christian Aid during the next few weeks.

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

**LAST SUNDAY'S BRING-&-BUY SALE** raised £64. Many thanks.

**MOTHERS' UNION BIBLE SEARCH QUIZ:** There are still one or two copies of the quiz available if you wish to purchase one (£1). Once you have completed your quiz please place it in the labelled box at the west end of the church by 20 June 2010.

**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.

**ST ALBANS FESTIVAL PILGRIMAGE:** 19 June starting at 10.30 am. If you wish to have a parking voucher for this occasion please see Pat Beach.

**THE SIX O'CLOCK SERIES:** On 20 June 2010 at 6 pm we will have a Celtic Service  
**PRAYER MEETING FOR THE WATFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.** This will be on Monday 7th June at 8pm at 10 Swiss Close, Watford, WD18 7LW. All are welcome.