



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

2nd SUNDAY after TRINITY

MUSIC SUNDAY - 13 June 2010

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Sung Eucharist, Fr Geoff celebrates and preaches and Paul Jenkins leads the intercessions. A crèche is available. NO Sunday School today.

Hymns: 369, leaflet, 618 and 543

Setting: Wilson

Tea and coffee will be served in church after the 9.30 service and this is followed at 11.15 with our 11.15 service of Thanksgiving and Praise – please stay on.

Youth Group Lunch at 12.30pm.

Evening Prayer in Lady Chapel is at 6.30pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Whipsnade Tree Cathedral Service.

The Anglican Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma), and Stephen Oo, its Archbishop.

USPG projects with HIV and AIDS infected people, and with trainee Church Leaders in South Africa.

The World: Progress towards peace and prosperity in Afghanistan, and our Armed Forces Personnel serving there.

The farmers and people of Mali suffering climate change and lack of rain.

A wise, just and compassionate approach to cuts in public spending in this country.

The Community and Parish: Young people of all faiths and communities in our area.

The Bishop's Day Conference on Tuesday and our Team of Licensed Ministers at St Michael's.

The Multicultural Community Centre and its work.

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:

Collect

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING I Kings 21.1b–10, 15–21a

A reading from the first book of Kings.

- 1 Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard in Jezreel, beside the palace of King Ahab of Samaria.
 2 And Ahab said to Naboth, 'Give me your vineyard, so that I may have it for a vegetable garden, because it is near my house; I will give you a better vineyard for it; or, if it seems good to you, I will give you its value in money.'
 3 But Naboth said to Ahab, 'The LORD forbid that I should give you my ancestral inheritance.'
 4 Ahab went home resentful and sullen because of what Naboth the Jezreelite had said to him; for he had said, 'I will not give you my ancestral inheritance.' He lay down on his bed, turned away his face, and would not eat.
 5 His wife Jezebel came to him and said, 'Why are you so depressed that you will not eat?'
 6 He said to her, 'Because I spoke to Naboth the Jezreelite and said to him, "Give me your vineyard for money; or else, if you prefer, I will give you another vineyard for it"; but he answered, "I will not give you my vineyard."' "
 7 His wife Jezebel said to him, 'Do you now govern Israel? Get up, eat some food, and be cheerful; I will give you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite.'
 8 So she wrote letters in Ahab's name and sealed them with his seal; she sent the letters to the elders and the nobles who lived with Naboth in his city.
 9 She wrote in the letters, 'Proclaim a fast, and seat Naboth at the head of the assembly;
 10 seat two scoundrels opposite him, and have them bring a charge against him, saying, "You have cursed God and the king." Then take him out, and stone him to death.'
 15 As soon as Jezebel heard that Naboth had been stoned and was dead, Jezebel said to Ahab, 'Go, take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, which he refused to give you for money; for Naboth is not alive, but dead.'
 16 As soon as Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, Ahab set out to go down to the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, to take possession of it.
 17 Then the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying:
 18 Go down to meet King Ahab of Israel, who rules in Samaria; he is now in the vineyard of Naboth, where he has gone to take possession.
 19 You shall say to him, 'Thus says the LORD: Have you killed, and also taken possession?'
 20 You shall say to him, 'Thus says the LORD: In the place where dogs licked up the blood of Naboth, dogs will also lick up your blood.'
 20 Ahab said to Elijah, 'Have you found me, O my enemy?' He answered, 'I have found you. Because you have sold yourself to do what is evil in the sight of the LORD,
 21 I will bring disaster on you; I will consume you, and will cut off from Ahab every male, bond or free, in Israel.'

SECOND READING Galatians 2.15–21

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Galatians.

- 15 We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners;
 16 yet we know that a person is justified not by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. And we have come to believe in Christ Jesus, so that we might be justified by faith in

Christ, and not by doing the works of the law, because no one will be justified by the works of the law.

17 But if, in our effort to be justified in Christ, we ourselves have been found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not!

18 But if I build up again the very things that I once tore down, then I demonstrate that I am a transgressor.

19 For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ;

20 and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

21 I do not nullify the grace of God; for if justification comes through the law, then Christ died for nothing.

GOSPEL Luke 7.36 – 8.3

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

36 One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table.

37 And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment.

38 She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment.

39 Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, 'If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him – that she is a sinner.'

40 Jesus spoke up and said to him, 'Simon, I have something to say to you.' 'Teacher,' he replied, 'Speak.'

41 'A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty.

42 When they could not pay, he cancelled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?'

43 Simon answered, 'I suppose the one for whom he cancelled the greater debt.' And Jesus said to him, 'You have judged rightly.'

44 Then turning towards the woman, he said to Simon, 'Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair.

45 You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet.

46 You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment.

47 Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little.'

48 Then he said to her, 'Your sins are forgiven.'

49 But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, 'Who is this who even forgives sins?'

50 And he said to the woman, 'Your faith has saved you; go in peace.'

1 Soon afterwards he went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. The twelve were with him,

2 as well as some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out,

3 and Joanna, the wife of Herod's steward Chuza, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their resources.

THIS WEEK

Mon	14	June	Toddlers' Group	10 – 11.30am
Tue	15	Jun	(Bishop's Day Conference)	
Wed	16	June	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
Thur	17	June	Mothers' Union Corporate Communion	10.00am
			followed by meeting in Choir Vestry	
			Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
Sat	19	June	St Albans Festival Pilgrimage	from 10.30am
Sun	20	June	<u>TRINITY 3</u>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST: with crèche and Sunday School	9.30am
			(President: Fr Geoff; Preacher: Violet Allen-Smith)	
			followed by a Bring-&-Buy Sale	
			Baptism of Charlotte Marie House and Nathan David Roy Turnbull	3.00pm
			Six O'Clock Series – Celtic Service	6.00pm

NOTICES

CHRISTIAN AID:–.The total so far raised is £324.40. 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.

MOTHERS' UNION BIBLE SEARCH QUIZ: 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.

10 JULY: We are invited to visit St Mary's, North Leigh, which is the church attended by John and Pat Brown. They have arranged for us to have a guided tour of the church which has many interesting features including a Saxon tower, time to look round and then tea in the church hall. We hope that people will drive up and offer lifts to those who need them. Car parking and a map are available. Please see Sylvia or Martin Matthews if you would like to go. We need to leave Watford at 1.30 pm.

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