



# THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

*St Michael and All Angels*

Watford

**SIXTH SUNDAY after TRINITY**

11 July 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 is available and there is Sunday School.

**Hymns: 619, 461, 409 and 621**

**Setting: Rawsthorne**

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 which this month is a Simple Eucharist – please stay on.

The annual Church Barbecue is at 12.30pm on the grass triangle.

Evening Prayer is at 6.30pm.

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

**The Church:** The work of the Mission to Seafarers  
The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea and James Ayong, its Archbishop

USPG-supported youth work in the Diocese of the Windward Islands.

**The World:** All those suffering the aftermath of the 7/7 London bombings  
Our Armed Forces personnel serving in Afghanistan, and their families  
The poor of Brazil, and Christian Aid partners working there.

**The Community and Parish:** The Schools of our Parish, their children and young people, staff and families  
Our Mother's Union members  
The Peace Hospice.

**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, Neil Hart, Susetta Hartropp, Gladys Holloway, Jenny Houghton, Susan Jones, Mary Kearns, Vera Levinson, Jacqui Lyons, Maggie Maguire, Dorcas Ochola, Gaynor Osbourne, Myrtle Powell, Bryony Purse, Elaine Robinson, June Tatnall, Eric and Anne Wightman.

**The Departed:**

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**Collect**

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding;

pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 Amos 7.7–17**

A reading from the book of the prophet Amos.

- 7 This is what the LORD showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb-line, with a plumb-line in his hand.
- 8 And the LORD said to me, ‘Amos, what do you see?’ And I said, ‘A plumb-line.’ Then the Lord said, ‘See, I am setting a plumb-line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by;
- 9 the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.’
- 10 Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, ‘Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words.
- 11 For thus Amos has said, “Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.”
- 12 And Amaziah said to Amos, ‘O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there;
- 13 but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.’
- 14 Then Amos answered Amaziah, ‘I am no prophet, nor a prophet’s son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees,
- 15 and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, “Go, prophesy to my people Israel.”
- 16 Now therefore hear the word of the LORD. You say, “Do not prophesy against Israel, and do not preach against the house of Isaac.”
- 17 Therefore thus says the LORD: “Your wife shall become a prostitute in the city, and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword, and your land shall be parcelled out by line; you yourself shall die in an unclean land, and Israel shall surely go into exile away from its land.”

**SECOND READING Colossians 1.1–14**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

- 1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,
- 2 To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.
- 3 In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

4 for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the  
saints,  
5 because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in  
the word of the truth,  
6 the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole  
world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly  
comprehended the grace of God.  
7 This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow-servant. He is a faithful minister of  
Christ on your behalf,  
8 and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.  
9 For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and  
asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and  
understanding,  
10 so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in  
every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God.  
11 May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and  
may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully  
12 giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the  
saints in the light.  
13 He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of  
his beloved Son,  
14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

## **GOSPEL Luke 10.25–37**

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

25 A lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal  
life?'  
26 He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?'  
27 He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your  
soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.'  
28 And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.'  
29 But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?'  
30 Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands  
of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead.  
31 Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by  
on the other side.  
32 So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other  
side.  
33 But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved  
with pity.  
34 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then  
he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.  
35 The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care  
of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend."  
36 Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands  
of the robbers?'  
37 He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

## THIS WEEK

Mon	12	July	Toddlers' Group	10 – 11.30am
Tue	13	July	Intercessory Prayer Group (Choir Vestry)	2.30pm
Wed	14	July	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
			Service at Home Manor	3.00pm
Thur	15	July	Holy Communion attended by Mothers' Union followed by meeting in the Choir Vestry	10.00am
			Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
Sun	18	July	<b><u>TRINITY 7</u></b>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff)	8.00am
			<b>SUNG EUCHARIST:</b> with crèche and Sunday School (President and Preacher: Fr Geoff)	<b>9.30am</b>
			Baptism of Archer Timothy James Seabrook	2.30pm
			<b>THE SIX O'CLOCK SERIES: A HEALING SERVICE</b>	6.00pm

## NOTICES

**BARBECUE:** St Michael's annual barbecue is today **SUNDAY 11 JULY** at 12.30 pm on the grass triangle. Tickets (which include sausages, burgers, salads, bread, puddings, bbqs and charcoal) are £4 (free for under 5s) are available. If you wish to bring your own items to cook please do. Profits to church funds. Tickets are still on sale - please get yours from Norma Twitchin or Sylvia Moring.

**READERS' LIST:** A new Readers' list is in process of preparation. If anyone would like to read one of the readings at the 9.30 service please see Sylvia Moring. People are only asked to read about once every 3 months.

**THE SIX O'CLOCK SERIES:** The next service in this series will be a Healing Service and will take place next Sunday, 18 July, at 6 pm. Please come along and mention it to any friends or neighbours who might be interested.

**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.