



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

SEVENTH SUNDAY after TRINITY

18 July 2010

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Sung Eucharist, Fr Geoff celebrates and preaches and Graham Mordue leads the intercessions. A crèche is available and there is Sunday School.

Hymns: 541, 485 t305, 311 and 558

Setting: Rawsthorne

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

The Baptism of Archer Timothy James Seabrook is at 2.30pm

THE SIX O'CLOCK SERIES: A HEALING SERVICE this evening at 6.00pm.

This is followed by refreshments.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Episcopal Church in the Philippines, and Edward Malecдан, its Prime Bishop elect.

The Church of England, following the recent vote on women Bishops.
Anglicans in South Korea.

The World: The work of reconstruction in Haiti, still hardly begun after the earthquake.

Christian Aid partners working with poor and disadvantaged people in Afghanistan.

All those affected by rioting in Northern Ireland.

The Community and Parish: Churches Together in Central South and West Watford.

Our PCC.

Children and young people attending our Church activities.

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: Peter Pentlow, cousin of Jean Alexander.

Collect

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us
with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
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 8.1–12

A reading from the book of the prophet Amos.

- ¹ This is what the Lord GOD showed me – a basket of summer fruit.
- ² He said, ‘Amos, what do you see?’ And I said, ‘A basket of summer fruit.’ Then the LORD said to me, ‘The end has come upon my people Israel; I will never again pass them by.
- ³ The songs of the temple shall become wailings in that day,’ says the Lord GOD; ‘the dead bodies shall be many, cast out in every place. Be silent!’
- ⁴ Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land,
- ⁵ saying, ‘When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practise deceit with false balances,
- ⁶ buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat.’
- ⁷ The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.
- ⁸ Shall not the land tremble on this account, and everyone mourn who lives in it, and all of it rise like the Nile, and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt?
- ⁹ On that day, says the Lord GOD, I will make the sun go down at noon, and darken the earth in broad daylight.
- ¹⁰ I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; I will bring sackcloth on all loins, and baldness on every head; I will make it like the mourning for an only son, and the end of it like a bitter day.
- ¹¹ The time is surely coming, says the Lord GOD, when I will send a famine on the land; not a famine of bread, or a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD.
- ¹² They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the LORD, but they shall not find it.

SECOND READING Colossians 1.15–28

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

- ¹⁵ Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation;
¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him.
¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.
¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything.
¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.
²¹ And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds,
²² he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him –
²³ provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.
²⁴ I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church.
²⁵ I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known,
²⁶ the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints.
²⁷ To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.
²⁸ It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

GOSPEL Luke 10.38–42

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

- ³⁸ Now as Jesus and his disciples went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home.
³⁹ She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying.
⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to Jesus and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.'
⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things;
⁴² there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

THIS WEEK

Mon	19	July	<i>School term ends during this week</i>	
			Toddlers' Group	10 – 11.30am
Tue	20	July	Service at Chase Care Home	3.00pm
Wed	21	July	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
			PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL	7.45 for 7.55pm
Thur	22	July	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
Sat	24	July	Kids' Saturday	2 – 4.00pm
Sun	25	July	<u>St JAMES the APOSTLE</u>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST: with crèche and Sunday School	9.30am
			(President and Preacher: Fr Geoff)	
			followed by Bring-&-Buy Sale	
			Evening Prayer	6.30pm

NOTICES

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.

CHURCH BARBECUE: This was a very enjoyable occasion. Thank you to everyone who helped with providing the food, the preparation and clearing up. We raised £118 which will go to church funds.

CONGRATULATIONS to Paul and Kristine Jenkins who celebrated their Silver Wedding last Tuesday.

THE SIX O'CLOCK SERIES: The next service in this series will be a Healing Service and takes place this evening, 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.

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