



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

St JAMES the APOSTLE

25 July 2010

A warm welcome to our services today.

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

Hymns: 309, 393, 432 and 430

Setting: Rawsthorne

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

Evening Prayer is at 6.30 pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: Cooperation between Anglicans and Methodists
The Church of the Province of Rwanda, and Emmanuel Kolini,
its Archbishop

The Selly Oak Centre for Mission Studies.

The World: Our nation's aid to the poor of the world in a difficult economic
climate

Young people training for sporting achievement

Our nation's cultural and artistic life.

The Community and Parish: The business community in Watford

Safety and refreshment for our children and families on holiday

Our borough and county councillors.

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:

Collect

Merciful God, whose holy apostle Saint James, leaving his father and all that he had, was obedient to the calling of your Son Jesus Christ and followed him even to death:

help us, forsaking the false attractions of the world, to be ready at all times to answer your call without delay;

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 Jeremiah 45.1-5

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

¹ The word that the prophet Jeremiah spoke to Baruch son of Neriah, when he wrote these words in a scroll at the dictation of Jeremiah, in the fourth year of King Jehoiakim son of Josiah of Judah:

² Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, to you, O Baruch:

³ You said, 'Woe is me! The LORD has added sorrow to my pain; I am weary with my groaning, and I find no rest.'

⁴ Thus you shall say to him, 'Thus says the LORD: I am going to break down what I have built, and pluck up what I have planted – that is, the whole land.

⁵ And you, do you seek great things for yourself? Do not seek them; for I am going to bring disaster upon all flesh, says the LORD; but I will give you your life as a prize of war in every place to which you may go.'

SECOND READING Acts 11.27 – 12.2

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

- ²⁷ At that time prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch.
- ²⁸ One of them named Agabus stood up and predicted by the Spirit that there would be a severe famine over all the world; and this took place during the reign of Claudius.
- ²⁹ The disciples determined that according to their ability, each would send relief to the believers living in Judea;
- ³⁰ this they did, sending it to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.
- ¹ About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church.
- ² He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword.

GOSPEL Matthew 20.20–28

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

- ²⁰ The mother of the sons of Zebedee came to him with her sons, and kneeling before him, she asked a favour of him.
- ²¹ And he said to her, ‘What do you want?’ She said to him, ‘Declare that these two sons of mine will sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom.’
- ²² But Jesus answered, ‘You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?’ They said to him, ‘We are able.’
- ²³ He said to them, ‘You will indeed drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left, this is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father.’
- ²⁴ When the ten heard it, they were angry with the two brothers.
- ²⁵ But Jesus called them to him and said, ‘You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them.
- ²⁶ It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant,
- ²⁷ and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave;
- ²⁸ just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.’

THIS WEEK

Mon	26	July	NO Toddlers' Group today	
Wed	28	July	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
Thur	29	July	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
Sun	1	Aug	<u>TRINITY 9</u>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST: with crèche and Sunday School	9.30am
			(President: Fr Geoff; Preacher: Violet Allen-Smith)	
			Evening Prayer	6.30pm

NOTICES

HARVEST SONGS OF PRAISE is at 4.30 pm on 3rd October. This is an ecumenical service when we shall be joined by our friends from Trinity Methodist and West Watford Free Church and the hymns/songs will be chosen from requests made by members of all three churches. There is a list at the back of church for people to suggest their favourite hymns for this.

TODDLERS GROUP: During August the Toddlers Group will continue to meet (except on the Bank Holiday) provided there are families who are able to come. If you would like to come on a Monday morning please telephone 01923 234788 to make sure it is happening.

BRING-AND-SHARE LUNCH (4 August) and PARISH WALK (7 August): Please sign the lists if you wish to join in on either of these occasions. As it is the holiday month it is very important that you indicate whether you wish to participate as numbers may be small.

MICHAELMAS: This year we will be celebrating our Patronal Festival on the actual day – Wednesday, 29 September – with a Sung Eucharist at 7.30 pm when the Rev Grantley Finlayson will be the preacher. This will be followed by some suitable festive refreshments. Please make a note of the date.

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. If you do need to park outside the church please put it on the grass side. Thank you.

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