



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 9

1 August 2010

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist, Fr Geoff celebrates, Violet Allen-Smith preaches and Vicki Matthews leads the intercessions. A crèche is available and there is Sunday School. Our pianist today is Mr Andrew Ward, who has come from Clanfield in Sussex to be with us. Many thanks!

Hymns: 442 (t278), 386, 318 and 530

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

The marriage of Paul Matthew Tolley and Rebecca Rachel Adams is at 2.30 pm.

Evening Prayer is at 6.30 pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Anglican Church in Japan and it's witness to peace issues
George Packard, Bishop to the Armed Forces and Micronesia, USA

Church based Holiday clubs in our Diocese

The World: The people of Hiroshima and Nagasaki

An end to the threat of nuclear weapons

The work of the United Nations

The Community and Parish: All our parishioners on holiday

All our parishioners caring for ill, disabled or frail family members and friends

The Watford Town Centre Chaplaincy

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

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church:

open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace;

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 Hosea 11.1-11

A reading from the book of the prophet Hosea.

Hear the word of the LORD, O people.

- 1 When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.
- 2 The more I called them, the more they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals, and offering incense to idols.
- 3 Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took them up in my arms; but they did not know that I healed them.
- 4 I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them.
- 5 They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me.
- 6 The sword rages in their cities, it consumes their oracle-priests, and devours because of their schemes.
- 7 My people are bent on turning away from me. To the Most High they call, but he does not raise them up at all.
- 8 How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender.
- 9 I will not execute my fierce anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and no mortal, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath.
- 10 They shall go after the LORD, who roars like a lion; when he roars, his children shall come trembling from the west.
- 11 They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt, and like doves from the land of Assyria; and I will return them to their homes, says the LORD.

SECOND READING Colossians 3.1–11

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

- ¹ If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.
- ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth,
- ³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.
- ⁴ When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.
- ⁵ Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry).
- ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient.
- ⁷ These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life.
- ⁸ But now you must get rid of all such things – anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth.
- ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices
- ¹⁰ and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator.
- ¹¹ In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

GOSPEL Luke 12.13–21

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

- ¹³ Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, ‘Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.’
- ¹⁴ But he said to him, ‘Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?’
- ¹⁵ And he said to the crowd, ‘Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.’
- ¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: ‘The land of a rich man produced abundantly.
- ¹⁷ And he thought to himself, “What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?”
- ¹⁸ Then he said, “I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.
- ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’”
- ²⁰ But God said to him, “You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?”
- ²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.’

THIS WEEK

Mon	2	Aug	Toddlers' Group River Court	10 – 11.30am 3.00pm
Wed	4	Aug	Coffee in Church Bring-&-Share Lunch	10.30am-12 noon 12.30pm
Thur	5	Aug	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language) Fairhaven	10.00am morning
Sat	7	Aug	Parish walk Wedding Rehearsal	from 10.00am 6.00pm
Sun	8	Aug	<u>TRINITY 10</u> Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George) EUCHARIST: with crèche and Sunday School (President and Preacher: Fr George) Evening Prayer	8.00am 9.30am 6.30pm

NOTICES

HARVEST SONGS OF PRAISE is at 4.30 pm on Sunday, 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.

CELIA and JOHN ADAMS extend a warm invitation to any members of the congregation who wish to join them in celebrating the wedding of Becky and Paul at 2.30 pm today.

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.

BRING-&-BUY: Last Sunday's sale raised £54 for church funds. Many thanks to everyone who contributed.