



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

15 August 2010

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Sung Eucharist, Fr George celebrates, Martin Heath preaches and John Adams leads the intercessions. A crèche is available and there is Sunday School.

Hymns: 94, 391, 241 and 243

Setting: Rawsthorne

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

Evening Prayer is at **6.00 pm**.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: All churches named in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
The United Church of South India and John Gladstone, its Moderator.

The work of the Mothers' Union.

The World: Victims of flooding in Pakistan and China.
Sustainable use of natural resources.

All overseas aid organisations.

All those who are travelling or on holiday.

The Community and Parish: Couples preparing for marriage.

The recently baptised and their families.

Children's holiday clubs in our area.

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

The Departed: Neil John Roger Hart, (74) Parkside Drive.

Almighty and everlasting God,
who stooped to raise fallen humanity
through the child-bearing of blessed Mary;
grant that we, who have seen your glory
revealed in our human nature
and your love made perfect in our weakness,
may daily be renewed in your image
and conformed to the pattern of your Son
Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Isaiah 61.10–11

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

- ¹⁰ I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
- ¹¹ For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

SECOND READING Galatians 4.4–7

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Galatians.

- ⁴ When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law,
- ⁵ in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children.
- ⁶ And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!'
- ⁷ So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

GOSPEL Luke 1.46–55

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

- ⁴⁶ Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord,
⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
⁴⁸ for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely,
from now on all generations will call me blessed;
⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his
name.
⁵⁰ His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.
⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in
the thoughts of their hearts.
⁵² He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up
the lowly;
⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away
empty.
⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,
⁵⁵ according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and
to his descendants for ever.'



THIS WEEK

Mon	16	Aug	NO Toddlers' Group	
Tue	17	Aug	Service at the Chase Care Home	3.00pm
			Wedding rehearsal	8.00pm
Wed	18	Aug	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
Thur	19	Aug	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
Sat	21	Aug	Wedding of Mark Hempstead and Sian Cording	2.00pm
Sun	22	Aug	<u>TRINITY 12</u>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST: with crèche and Sunday School	9.30am
			(President and Preacher: Fr Geoff)	
			Baptism of Kieran Farmer	3.00pm
			Evening Prayer	6.30pm

NOTICES

NEIL HART RIP You will be very sorry to hear that Neil Hart died last Monday. We send our sincere condolences to Pam, Kate, Jane, Polly and all the family. There will be a service in celebration of Neil's life on Thursday, 26 August, in St Michael's Church, at 2 pm to which everyone is invited. The funeral at the Crematorium will be a private family service.

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.

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.

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.

11 SEPTEMBER: An important date for your diaries. It is the day of the Historic Churches Bike 'n Hike ride – please see Phil Gough if you wish to take part. In Church we shall be having a Coffee Morning in aid of The Children's Society from 10.30 – 12 noon – please make a note to come and support that.