



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 12

22 August 2010

A warm welcome to our services today.

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

Hymns: 424, 255, 301 and 555

Setting: Rawsthorne

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

The Baptism of Kieran Farmer is at 3.00 pm

Evening Prayer is at 6.30 pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Anglican Church of South Africa, and Thabo Makgoba, its Archbishop

The Diocese of South West Tanganyika and USPG work there
The Christian Churches of Pakistan.

The World: Flood Victims in Pakistan, and the relief effort world wide

Work towards peaceful resolution of conflicts

The work of Samaritans

The Community and Parish: All those who will be with us to celebrate Neil Hart's life

The Watford Boy's Grammar School

Homeless people in our area

The Ill and the Housebound: Especially Brian Barnard, Christopher Bilson, 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:

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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 1.4–10

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

- 4 The word of the LORD came to me saying,
5 ‘Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.’
6 Then I said, ‘Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.’
7 But the LORD said to me, ‘Do not say, “I am only a boy”; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD.’
8 Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, ‘Now I have put my words in your mouth.
9 See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.’

SECOND READING Hebrews 12.18–29

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

- 18 You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom,
19 and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them.
20 (For they could not endure the order that was given, ‘If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.’)
21 Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, ‘I tremble with fear.’)
22 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering,
23 and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,

- 24 and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.
- 25 See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven!
- 26 At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, 'Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.'
- 27 This phrase, 'Yet once more,' indicates the removal of what is shaken – that is, created things – so that what cannot be shaken may remain.
- 28 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe;
- 29 for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

GOSPEL Luke 13.10–17

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

- 10 Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath.
- 11 And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight.
- 12 When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, 'Woman, you are set free from your ailment.'
- 13 When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God.
- 14 But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, 'There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.'
- 15 But the Lord answered him and said, 'You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water?
- 16 And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?'
- 17 When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

THIS WEEK

Mon	23	Aug	Toddlers' Group	10 – 11.30 am
Tue	24	Aug	Intercessory Prayer Group (Choir Vestry)	2.30pm
Wed	25	Aug	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
			Wedding Rehearsal	6.00pm
Thur	26	Aug	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			Celebration of the life of Neil Hart	2.00pm
Sat	28	Aug	Wedding of David Byrne and Diane Crofts	2.00pm
			Wedding of John O'Brian and Madeleine Horner	3.30pm
Sun	29	Aug	<u>TRINITY 13</u>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST: with crèche and Sunday School	9.30am
			(President: Fr Geoff) Followed by Bring-&-Buy Sale	
			Baptism of Cian, Eoghan, and Ciara Casey	12.00 noon
			Baptism of Amy Cox	2.30pm
			Evening Prayer	6.30pm

NOTICES

NEIL HART RIP You will be very sorry to hear that Neil Hart died on Monday 9th August. 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. Parking will be available at the Boys' Grammar School. The funeral at the Crematorium was 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. Please put in your diaries and on your calendars, and let people know about it.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE: If you would like to have a name inserted in the Book of Remembrance please see Violet Allen Smith by 5 September.

PARISH LUNCH: The next parish lunch will be on 1 September. Please sign the list at the back of the Church if you wish to attend.

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.

FINAL COPY DATE FOR THE SEPTEMBER SWORD is MIDDAY today Sunday, 22 August. Hard copy or floppy disc to Dennis Beach or email to dhbeach@sky.com.