



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 13

29 August 2010

A warm welcome to our services today.

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

Hymns: 368, 533, 253 (i) and 497

Setting: Rawsthorne

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

The Baptism of Cian, Eoghan, and Ciara Casey is at 12.00

The Baptism of Amy Cox is at 2.30pm

Evening Prayer is at 6.30 pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Anglican Church of the Southern Cone, and Gregory Venables, its Presiding Bishop
Churches Together in Central South and West Watford
USPG clergy education projects in the Philippines.

The World: Flood victims in Pakistan and the aid effort
Middle East peace talks
Our armed forces personnel serving in Afghanistan

The Community and Parish: Our ecumenical partners in West Watford
Young people making choices for their future after exam results
Our home communicants

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 God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:
help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you;
through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Jeremiah 2.4–13

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

⁴ Hear the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel.
⁵ Thus says the LORD: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves?
⁶ They did not say, 'Where is the LORD who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?'
⁷ I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination.
⁸ The priests did not say, 'Where is the LORD?' Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit.
⁹ Therefore once more I accuse you, says the LORD, and I accuse your children's children.
¹⁰ Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing.
¹¹ Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit.
¹² Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the LORD,
¹³ for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

SECOND READING Hebrews 13.1–8, 15–16

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

¹ Let mutual love continue.
² Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.
³ Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured.

- 4 Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers.
- 5 Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.'
- 6 So we can say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?'
- 7 Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.
- 8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever.
- 15 Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name.
- 16 Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

GOSPEL Luke 14.1, 7-14

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

- 1 On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.
- 7 When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable.
- 8 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host;
- 9 and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place," and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place.
- 10 But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you.
- 11 For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.'
- 12 He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid.
- 13 But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind.
- 14 And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

THIS WEEK

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| Mon | 30 | Aug | <i>Bank Holiday</i> NO Toddlers Group | |
| Wed | 1 | Sep | Coffee in Church | 10.30am-12 noon |
| | | | Bring-&-Share lunch | 12.30pm |
| Thur | 2 | Sep | Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language) | 10.00am |
| | | | Fairhaven | morning |
| | | | Choir Practice | 7.00 – 8.30pm |
| Fri | 3 | Sep | Renewal of Marriage Vows | 2.30pm |
| Sat | 4 | Sep | Parish Walk | leave church at 10.00am |
| Sun | 5 | Sep | <u>TRINITY 14</u> Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff) | 8.00am |
| | | | SUNG EUCHARIST: with crèche and Sunday School (President and Preacher: Fr Geoff) | 9.30am |
| | | | Evening Prayer | 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.

KIDS' SATURDAY please note there will be no “Kids’ Saturday this coming Saturday 4th September

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.

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.

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 this. Posters and handbills are available for you to take.

BRING-AND-SHARE LUNCH (1 September) and PARISH WALK (4 September): Please sign the list if you wish to come to the Parish Lunch. As it is holiday time it is very important that you indicate whether you wish to participate as numbers may be small.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE: There will be a meeting of the Social Committee in the Choir Vestry on Wednesday, 15 September, at 7.30 pm.

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