



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 14

5 September 2010

A warm welcome to our services today.

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

Hymns: 377, 504, 362 and 543 (i)

Setting: Rawsthorne

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

Evening Prayer is at 6.30 pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Episcopal Church of the Sudan, and Daniel Yak, its Archbishop

Church Schools in the St Albans Diocese

The Anglican Church in Zimbabwe.

The World: The Children's Society

Flood victims and the aid effort in Pakistan

The Royal Air Force and its personnel.

The Community and Parish: Schools in our Parish

The Herts and Beds Historic Churches Trust

Our PCC.

The Ill and the Housebound: Especially 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: Brian Barnard (June Dickinson's brother).

COLLECT

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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 18.1–11

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

¹ The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD:
² 'Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words.'
³ So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel.
⁴ The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.
⁵ Then the word of the LORD came to me:
⁶ Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the LORD. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel.
⁷ At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it,
⁸ but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it.
⁹ And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it,
¹⁰ but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it.
¹¹ Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the LORD: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

SECOND READING Philemon 1–21

A reading from the letter of Paul to Philemon.

¹ Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker,
² to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house:
³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
⁴ When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God
⁵ because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus.
⁶ I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ.

7 I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.
8 For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty,
9 yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love – and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus.
10 I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment.
11 Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me.
12 I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you.
13 I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel;
14 but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced.
15 Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever,
16 no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother – especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.
17 So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me.
18 If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account.
19 I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self.
20 Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ.
21 Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

GOSPEL Luke 14.25–33

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

25 Large crowds were travelling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them,
26 ‘Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple.
27 Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.
28 For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it?
29 Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him,
30 saying, “This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.”
31 Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand?
32 If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace.
33 So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.’

THIS WEEK

Mon	6	Sep	Toddlers Group	10.00 – 11.30am
			River Court Service	3.00pm
			Worship Committee (Choir Vestry)	8.00pm
Wed	8	Sep	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
			Service at Home Manor	3.00pm
			PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL	7.45 for 7.55pm
Thur	9	Sep	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			St Anthony's	morning
			Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
Sat	11	Sep	HISTORIC CHURCHES BIKE 'N HIKE RIDE	all day
			COFFEE MORNING IN AID OF THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY	10.30am – 12 noon
Sun	12	Sep	<u>TRINITY 15</u>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST: with crèche and Sunday School	9.30am
			(President and Preacher: Fr George)	
			Service of Thanksgiving and Praise	11.15am
			Youth Group Lunch	12.30pm
			Evening Prayer	6.30pm

NOTICES

WEDNESDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER is Mrs Dorothy Kiddle's 90th birthday. Andrew and Elizabeth invite everyone to stay after the 9.30 Eucharist TODAY to celebrate this very special occasion and wish their Mother well.

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.

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 today 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 or Sylvia Moring if you wish to take part. It is particularly useful to have volunteers in church throughout the day to sign participants' forms and to do useful 'housekeeping' jobs in church. Please give an hour or two if you can and please sponsor these 'workers' if you can.

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, distribute and display.