



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 15

12 September 2010

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Sung Eucharist, Fr George celebrates and preaches and Pat Beach leads the intercessions. A crèche is available and there is Sunday School.

Hymns: 369, 385, 318 and 474

Setting: Rawsthorne

Tea and coffee will be served in church after the 9.30 service and this is followed at 11.15 with our 11.15 service of Thanksgiving and Praise – please stay on.

Youth Group Lunch at 12.30pm.

Evening Prayer in Lady Chapel is at 6.30pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Anglican Church of Tanzania, and Valentino Mokiwa, its Archbishop.

Young people volunteering with the USPG “experience exchange” programme.

The Mothers' Union.

The World: Racial Justice in our nation and the wider world.

The victims of natural and man made disaster.

People likely to be affected badly by government spending cuts.

The Community and Parish: Our young people.

Racial and cultural cohesion in West Watford.

Those who look after our church building.

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, Loretta Lynch, 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

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love:

grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service;

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 4.11–12, 22–28

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

- ¹¹ At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert towards my poor people, not to winnow or cleanse –
- ¹² a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgement against them.
- ²² ‘For my people are foolish, they do not know me; they are stupid children, they have no understanding. They are skilled in doing evil, but do not know how to do good.’
- ²³ I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void; and to the heavens, and they had no light.
- ²⁴ I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking, and all the hills moved to and fro.
- ²⁵ I looked, and lo, there was no one at all, and all the birds of the air had fled.
- ²⁶ I looked, and lo, the fruitful land was a desert, and all its cities were laid in ruins before the LORD, before his fierce anger.
- ²⁷ For thus says the LORD: The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end.
- ²⁸ Because of this the earth shall mourn, and the heavens above grow black; for I have spoken, I have purposed; I have not relented nor will I turn back.

SECOND READING I Timothy 1.12–17

A reading from the first letter of Paul to Timothy.

- ¹² I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service,
¹³ even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief,
¹⁴ and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.
¹⁵ The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners – of whom I am the foremost.
¹⁶ But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life.
¹⁷ To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL Luke 15.1–10

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

- ¹ All the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus.
² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, ‘This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.’
³ So he told them this parable:
⁴ ‘Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it?
⁵ When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices.
⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, “Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.”
⁷ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.
⁸ Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it?
⁹ When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, “Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.”
¹⁰ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.’

THIS WEEK

Mon	13	Sep	Toddlers Group	10.00 – 11.30am
Tue	14	Sep	Bible Study (Choir Vestry)	8.00pm
Wed	15	Sep	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
			Social Committee (Choir Vestry)	7.30pm
Thur	16	Sep	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			attended by Mothers' Union; followed by a meeting in Choir Vestry	
			Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
			Estates Committee	8.00pm
Sun	19	Sep	<u>TRINITY 16</u>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST: with crèche and Sunday School	9.30am
			(President and Preacher: Fr Geoff)	
			THE SIX O'CLOCK SERIES: A TAIZE SERVICE	6.00pm

NOTICES

DENNIS AND PAT BEACH will be celebrating their Golden Wedding on 17 September 2010. They wish to invite all members of St Michael's to share in their celebration of the occasion after the 9.30 service on Sunday, 19 September.

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. A collection will be taken at the service in aid of the flood victims in Pakistan. Tea and cakes will be served after the service.

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 and make every effort to attend.

CHRISTMAS FAIR: The date this year is Saturday, 20 November. If you would like to be part of a small planning group for the fair please mention this to Fr Geoff or Sylvia. It is not anticipated that the group will meet many times but it will present an opportunity to hear new ideas for this important fund-raising and outreach event.

CHRISTIAN AID: The Watford Group of Christian Aid has arranged a meeting on Monday, 4 October from 7.30 – 9 pm at ~St Andrew's Church, Church Road. The meeting will give people an opportunity to meet Ben Addo an outstanding speaker who will bring news of some of Christian Aid's work in Africa, and how the money given during last year's Christian Aid week is being used.

The **MULTI-CULTURAL CENTRE**, Durban Road, is holding a fund-raising event in the Centre on Saturday, 25th September, from 12 noon to 4 pm. They would particularly welcome support from members of St Michael's.