



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 16

19 September 2010

A warm welcome to our services today.

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

Hymns: 81, 383, 453 and 530

Setting: Rawsthorne

Tea and coffee will be served in church after the 9.30 service – please stay on. (Please also see Notices.)

THE SIX O’CLOCK SERIES: **A TAIZE SERVICE at 6pm.** This is followed by refreshments.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: Pope Benedict XVI and the Roman Catholic Church
The Anglican Church of the Province of Uganda, and Henry Orombi, its Archbishop
Holy Cross Theological College in Myanmar (Burma) - USPG supported.

The World: Wisdom, justice and compassion in government spending cuts
Peace and fruitful coexistence between Israel and the Palestinian people
Protecting endangered animal and plant species.

The Community and Parish: Paul Bayes, the new Bishop of Hertford
The work of prayer in our parish
The work of the Multicultural Community Centre.

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

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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 8.18 – 9.1

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

The word of the LORD through the prophet:

¹⁸ My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick.

¹⁹ Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land: 'Is the LORD not in Zion? Is her King not in her?' ('Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?')

²⁰ 'The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.'

²¹ For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me.

²² Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored?

¹ O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people!

SECOND READING I Timothy 2.1–7

A reading from the first letter of Paul to Timothy.

My dearly beloved,

¹ I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone,

² for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity.

³ This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour,

⁴ who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

⁵ For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human,

⁶ who gave himself a ransom for all – this was attested at the right time.

⁷ For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

GOSPEL Luke 16.1–13

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

- ¹ Jesus said to the disciples, 'There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property.
- ² So he summoned him and said to him, "What is this that I hear about you? Give me an account of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer."
- ³ Then the manager said to himself, "What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes."
- ⁵ So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, "How much do you owe my master?"
- ⁶ He answered, "A hundred jugs of olive oil." He said to him, "Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty."
- ⁷ Then he asked another, "And how much do you owe?" He replied, "A hundred containers of wheat." He said to him, "Take your bill and make it eighty."
- ⁸ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light.
- ⁹ And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.
- ¹⁰ Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much.
- ¹¹ If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches?
- ¹² And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own?
- ¹³ No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.'

THIS WEEK

Mon	20	Sep	Toddlers Group	10.00 – 11.30am
Tue	21	Sep	Service at the Chase Care Home	3.00pm
Wed	22	Sep	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
Thur	23	Sep	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
Sun	26	Sep	<u>TRINITY 17</u>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST: with crèche and Sunday School	9.30am
			and Baptism of Sue Abood's two sons, Ben and Alex	
			(President Fr Geoff ; Preacher: Violet Allen-Smith)	
			followed by Bring-&-Buy Sale	
			Evening Prayer in the Lady Chapel	6.30pm

NOTICES

DENNIS AND PAT BEACH celebrated 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 today Sunday, 19 September.

SUE ABOOD née Mahon is having her two sons baptised on 26th September during the 9:30am service. She would like to ask all members of St Michael's to help welcome her sons into the family of the church and to celebrate with cake after the service. There is also an open invitation to an informal buffet lunch and get together at her house in Flitwick, Bedfordshire afterwards. See Sue for details.

HARVEST SONGS OF PRAISE is at 4.30 pm on Sunday, 3rd October. 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.

HARVEST SUPPER: We are invited to join in the Harvest Supper at Trinity Methodist on Monday, 4 October, at 7 pm. Tickets (£5) are available from Sylvia.

CHRISTMAS FAIR: The date this year is Saturday, 20 November. If you would like to be part of a planning group for the fair please mention this to Fr Geoff or Sylvia.

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.

FINAL COPY DATE FOR THE OCTOBER SWORD is MIDDAY next Sunday, 26 September. Hard copy or floppy disc to Dennis Beach or email to dhbeach@sky.com.