



# THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

*St Michael and All Angels*

Watford

**TRINITY 17**

26 September 2010

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Sung Eucharist, Fr Geoff celebrates, Violet Allen-Smith preaches and Paul Chandler leads the intercessions. A crèche is available and there is Sunday School. The service will include the baptism of Benjamin and Alexander Abood.

**Hymns: 626, 512, 368 and 418**

**Setting: Rawsthorne**

Tea and coffee will be served in church after the 9.30 service and there will be a Bring-Buy-Sale; Sue Abood would also like the congregation to celebrate the baptism with cake – please stay on.

Evening Prayer is at 6.30 pm.

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## **For your prayers this week:**

**The Church:** The Episcopal Church in the USA and Katharine Schori, its Presiding Bishop

People being ordained to the ministry at Michaelmas ordinations

The people of the Diocese of Jamaica and the Cayman Islands.

**The World:** Police Officers, Community Support Officers, and civilian workers for the police

Fellowship between countries of the Commonwealth, and the Commonwealth Games

People with mental health issues, and those who work with them.

**The Community and Parish:** Ben and Alex Abood on their baptism this morning; their parents and godparents

Interfaith dialogue and fellowship in Watford

Thanksgiving for our Church on its Patronal Festival.

Our Harvest Workshops and preparations for Harvest Weekend.

**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

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face;  
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 32.1–3a, 6–15

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

- <sup>1</sup> The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar.
- <sup>2</sup> At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah,
- <sup>3</sup> where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him.
- <sup>6</sup> Jeremiah said, The word of the LORD came to me:
- <sup>7</sup> Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, 'Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours.'
- <sup>8</sup> Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the LORD, and said to me, 'Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself.' Then I knew that this was the word of the LORD.
- <sup>9</sup> And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver.
- <sup>10</sup> I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales.
- <sup>11</sup> Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy;
- <sup>12</sup> and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard.
- <sup>13</sup> In their presence I charged Baruch, saying,
- <sup>14</sup> Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time.
- <sup>15</sup> For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

## SECOND READING I Timothy 6.6–19

A reading from the first letter of Paul to Timothy.

- <sup>6</sup> There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment;
- <sup>7</sup> for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it;
- <sup>8</sup> but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these.
- <sup>9</sup> But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.
- <sup>10</sup> For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

- 11 But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness.
- 12 Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.
- 13 In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession,
- 14 I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ,
- 15 which he will bring about at the right time – he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords.
- 16 It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.
- 17 As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.
- 18 They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share,
- 19 thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

## **GOSPEL Luke 16.19–31**

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

Jesus told this parable to those among the Pharisees who loved money:

- 19 'There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day.
- 20 And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores,
- 21 who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores.
- 22 The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.
- 23 In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side.
- 24 He called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames."
- 25 But Abraham said, "Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony.
- 26 Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us."
- 27 The man who had been rich said, "Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house –
- 28 for I have five brothers – that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment."
- 29 Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them."
- 30 He said, "No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent."
- 31 Abraham said to him, "If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead."

## THIS WEEK

Mon	27	Sep	Toddlers Group	10.00 – 11.30am
Wed	29	Sep	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
			<b>MICHAELMAS SUNG EUCHARIST</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>
			followed by refreshments	
Thur	30	Sep	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
Sat	2	Oct	Parish Walk	Leave church at 10.00am
			Harvest Workshop	2.00 – 4.00pm
Sun	3	Oct	<b><u>HARVEST THANKSGIVING</u></b>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff)	8.00am
			<b>SUNG EUCHARIST:</b> with crèche and Sunday School	9.30am
			(President & Preacher: Fr Geoff)	
			Harvest Songs of Praise followed by tea and cakes	4.30pm

## **NOTICES**

**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.**

**BRING-AND-SHARE LUNCH (7 October) and PARISH WALK (2 October):** Please sign the lists if you wish to participate.

**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.

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

### **HARVEST (2-4 October)**

**WORKSHOP:** Saturday, 2 October, in church from 2-4 pm, for primary school children; younger children are welcome if accompanied by a carer.

**9.30 SUNG EUCHARIST:** A collection of dried goods will be made for the Watford & Three Rivers Refugee Project. Please see coloured inset for suggested items.

**ECUMENICAL SONGS OF HARVEST PRAISE IN ST MICHAEL'S:** 4.30 pm. This will be followed by tea and cakes. A collection will be taken for the Pakistan flood victims.

**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.