

# THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

*St Michael and All Angels*

Watford

**CELEBRATION of HARVEST**

3 October 2010

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Sung Eucharist, Fr Geoff celebrates and preaches and Vicki Matthews leads the intercessions. A crèche is available. (No Sunday School today)

**Hymns: 546, 272, 274 and 275**

**Setting: Wilson**

A collection of dried goods will be made for the Watford & Three Rivers Refugee Project.

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

ECUMENICAL SONGS OF HARVEST PRAISE here at 4.30 pm. This will be followed by tea and cakes.

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

**The Church:** The Church in Wales and Barry Morgan its Archbishop  
The Bishop of St Albans' Harvest Appeal 2010  
USPG supported projects in the Church of Ceylon (Sri Lanka).

**The World:** Flood victims in Pakistan  
People suffering through bad harvests  
World food and water aid programmes.

**The Community and Parish:** The Watford and Three Rivers Refugee Project  
The Watford Town Centre Chaplaincy  
Our Ecumenical Partners in West Watford.

**The Ill and the Housebound:** Especially Christopher Bilson, Peter Coley, Bill and Marion Craddock-Jones, Thomas Cristensen, 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:**

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# HARVEST

## COLLECT

Eternal God,  
you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season:  
grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being;  
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 Exodus 17.1–7

A reading from the book of Exodus.

- 1 From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink.
- 2 The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?'
- 3 But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?'
- 4 So Moses cried out to the LORD, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.'
- 5 The LORD said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go.
- 6 I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel.
- 7 He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the LORD, saying, 'Is the LORD among us or not?'

## GOSPEL John 4.8–15

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

<sup>8</sup> (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.)

<sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman said to him, ‘How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?’ (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.)

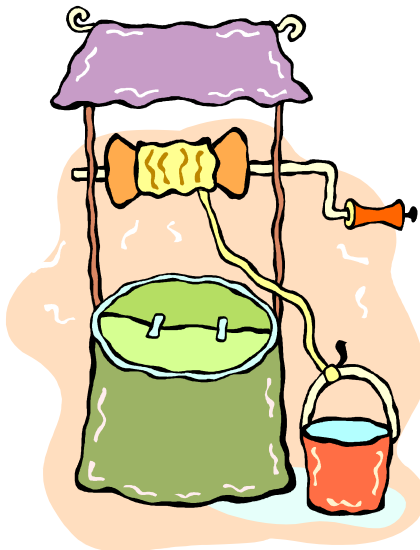
<sup>10</sup> Jesus answered her, ‘If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, “Give me a drink,” you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.’

<sup>11</sup> The woman said to him, ‘Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?’

<sup>12</sup> Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?’

<sup>13</sup> Jesus said to her, ‘Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.’

<sup>15</sup> The woman said to him, ‘Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.’



## THIS WEEK

Mon	4	Oct	Toddlers Group	10.00 – 11.30am
			River Court Service	3.00pm
			(Harvest Supper at Trinity Methodist	7.00 pm)
			(Christian Aid meeting at St Andrew's	7.30 – 9 pm)
Wed	6	Oct	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
			Bring-and-Share Lunch	12.30pm
Thur	7	Oct	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			Fairhaven	morning
			Visit of Chater Infants School	1.15 – 3.00pm
			Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
Sun	10	Oct	<b>TRINITY 19</b>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George)	
			<b>SUNG EUCHARIST:</b> with crèche and Sunday School	9.30am
			(President and Preacher: Fr George)	
			Simple Eucharist with Baptism	11.15am
			Youth Group Lunch	12.30pm
			Evening Prayer in the Lady Chapel	<b>6.00pm</b>

## NOTICES

BRING-AND-SHARE LUNCH (6 October): Please sign the list if you wish to participate.

LAST SUNDAY'S BRING-&-BUY raised £27. Many thanks.

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.

PRAYING FOR THE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS: The next prayer meeting for the Grammar Schools is on Monday 4th October, at 8pm, at 10 Swiss Close, WD18 7LW. All are welcome. Phone 01923 461042 for more details.

### HARVEST (2-4 October)

**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 afternoon. 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.