



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 20

17 October 2010

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Sung Eucharist, Fr Geoff celebrates, Violet Allen-Smith preaches and Sarah Dunning leads the intercessions. A crèche is available and there is Sunday School.

Hymns: 1, 416 (i), 304 and 628

Setting: Wilson

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

THE SIX O’CLOCK SERIES: Choral Evensong with the combined choirs of St Michael’s and St Abanskirche, Mainz will be at 6 pm, followed by refreshments.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Church in the Province of the West Indies, its Archbishop to be appointed

The work of USPG with HIV and AIDS victims in Botswana
People training on the Eastern Region Ministry Course.

The World: The Chilean Miners' recovery from their ordeal
Week of Prayer for World Peace (prayers in leaflet)

Relatives and friends of the 7/7 London Bombing victims during the inquest

People experiencing marriage break up.

The Community and Parish: Our visitors from Mainz

Repair work on our Church building

Our Mothers Union members.

The Ill and the Housebound: Especially Christopher Bilson, Peter Coley, Bill and Marion Craddock-Jones, Thomas Cristensen, Jean Crouch, David and Janet Freeman, Jocelyn Harewood, Susetta Hartropp, Gladys Holloway, Leena Hosie, 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: June Dickinson, (aged 84), Whippendell Road.

COLLECT

God, the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church:
by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ and make us eager
to do your will, that we may share with the whole creation the joys of
eternal life;
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 31.27–34

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

- ²⁷ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals.
- ²⁸ And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the LORD.
- ²⁹ In those days they shall no longer say: 'The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge.'
- ³⁰ But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge.
- ³¹ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah.
- ³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt – a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD.
- ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.
- ³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

SECOND READING 2 Timothy 3.14 – 4.5

A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy.

- ¹⁴ Continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it,
¹⁵ and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.
¹⁶ All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,
¹⁷ so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.
¹ In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you:
² proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching.
³ For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires,
⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths.
⁵ As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

GOSPEL Luke 18.1–8

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

- ¹ Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart.
² He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people.
³ In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent."
⁴ For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone,
⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming."
⁶ And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says.
⁷ And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them?
⁸ I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'

THIS WEEK

Mon	18	Oct	Toddlers Group	10.00 – 11.30am
Tue	19	Oct	Service at the Chase Care Home	2.30pm
Wed	20	Oct	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
			Funeral of June Dickinson in Church (Coffin to arrive at 2 pm)	2.30 pm
Thur	21	Oct	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language) attended by Mothers' Union; followed by a meeting in Choir Vestry to discuss the future of St Michael's MU	10.00am
			Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
Sun	24	Oct	<u>LAST SUNDAY after TRINITY</u> Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George) SUNG EUCHARIST: with crèche and Sunday School President: Fr Geoff and Preacher from the Church Urban Fund Baptism of Megan Irene Rosie Quickenden Evening Prayer in the Lady Chapel	9.30am 12 noon 6.00pm

NOTICES

VISITORS FROM MAINZ: Members of the choir from St Albanskirche Mainz will be arriving this afternoon of and staying with church families until Wednesday morning. They will be singing CHORAL EVENSONG with our choir at 6 pm on Sunday, 17 October. This will be followed by a buffet supper in the church. We hope that as many people as possible will come to the Choral Evensong and stay for the supper to welcome our friends from Mainz. On Monday the visitors will have a day in London including a guided tour of St Paul's Cathedral. On Tuesday they will go to St Albans and visit the Verulam Museum. Plans for the afternoon will be weather dependent. On Tuesday evening there will be a pot-luck supper at the west end of the church. Anyone who would like to be included in the supper should contact Kristine Jenkins (463263). It will be an informal occasion and it would be good to have some church members join in.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE Please take you your prayer leaflet home and use it during the week.

CHRISTMAS FAIR: The date this year is Saturday. 20 November from 11-2.30 pm. If you would like to be part of a planning group for the fair please mention this to Fr Geoff or Sylvia. This year there will be one or two changes to the fair but the main aims – to welcome our neighbours in West Watford to come into the church and to raise money to go towards the church's 'housekeeping' expenses – are still there. There are many ways in which you can help such as offering or helping to run a stall, looking through your cupboards to see what you can donate by way of items of any kind to sell, use as raffle and tombola prizes. Making preserves of all kinds which are always popular and sell well. The lunches will be a little different but help is still needed to prepare them, serve them, and clear up after them.

FINAL COPY DATE FOR THE NOVEMBER SWORD is MIDDAY next Sunday, 24 October. Hard copy or floppy disc to Dennis Beach or email to dhbeach@sky.com.

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