



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

LAST SUNDAY after TRINITY

24 October 2010

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Sung Eucharist, Fr Geoff celebrates, Tom Sefton from the Church Urban Fund preaches and John Adams leads the intercessions. A crèche is available and there is Sunday School.

Hymns: 175 (i), 423 (i), 372 and 555

Setting: Wilson

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

The Baptism of Megan Irene Rosie Quickenden is at 12 noon.

Evening Prayer in the Lady Chapel at 6.00pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: Anglican Representatives at the United Nations in New York and Geneva.

The work of USPG in Latin America and the Caribbean.

The work of the Church Urban Fund

The Church of England as it considers the ordination of women bishops.

The World: The United Nations.

Public sector employers and employees.

The French people during current protests and disruptions.

The Community and Parish: Residents' and Community Associations in our area.

Our local police and community support officers.

The relaunch of Neighbourhood Watch.

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, Dorothy Kiddle, 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

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Joel 2.23–32

A reading from the book of the prophet Joel.

- 23 O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the LORD your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before.
- 24 The threshing-floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.
- 25 I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you.
- 26 You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame.
- 27 You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.
- 28 Then afterwards I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions.
- 29 Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit.
- 30 I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke.
- 31 The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the LORD comes.
- 32 Then everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the LORD has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the LORD calls.

SECOND READING 2 Timothy 4.6–8, 16–18

A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy.

- 6 As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come.
- 7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.
- 8 From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.
- 16 At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them!
- 17 But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth.
- 18 The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL Luke 18.9–14

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

- 9 Jesus also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt:
- 10 'Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector.
- 11 The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector.
- 12 I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income."
- 13 But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!"
- 14 I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.'

The SANKT ANNÉ CHAMBERCHOIR from Copenhagen will be singing at St Michael's this Tuesday, 26 October. Their concert will last for about an hour, starting at 7.30 pm, and then refreshments will be served and there will be an opportunity to meet members of the choir. Please make a note in your diary to attend and bring any friends and neighbours. The choir sang for us some years ago so we know this will be a concert worth attending.

THIS WEEK

Mon	25	Oct	<i>Half Term Week</i>	
			Toddlers Group	10.00 – 11.30am
Tue	26	Oct	Concert by Danish Youth Choir (Free admission)	7.30pm
Wed	27	Oct	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
			Publicity Committee	7.30pm
Thur	28	Oct	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
Sat	30	Oct	Kids Saturday	2.00 – 4.00pm
Sun	31	Oct	<u>British Summer Time ends – put clocks back</u>	
			<u>ALL SAINTS</u>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George)	
			SUNG EUCHARIST: with crèche and Sunday School	9.30am
			President and Preacher: Fr George	
			followed by Bring-&-Buy Sale	
			Evening Prayer in the Lady Chapel	6.00pm

NOTICES

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 at the fair 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 and cakes of all kinds which are always popular. The lunches will be a little different but help is still needed to prepare and serve them, and clear up afterwards. Above all, make a note of the date in your diary and come to the fair bringing your friends.

A box in which you can place any gifts to be sold is at the back of the church. There is also a list giving ways in which you can help – please sign this.

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

THE PARISH LUNCH (3 November) and the **PARISH WALK** (6 November): there are lists for participants to sign on the signings table.

KIDS’ SATURDAY AND FAIRTRADE CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS: This Saturday, 30 October, from 2-4 pm there will be Kids’ Saturday. This is a time for craft activities, play, food and worship for primary school children; younger children welcome if accompanied by a carer. This time there will be a special activity for any grown ups who would like to come and make a Christmas pudding using Fairtrade products. Full details are on the green handbills.