



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

Sunday next before Lent

6 March 2011

A warm welcome to everyone to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist, Fr Geoff celebrates, Martin Heath preaches and Paul Jenkins leads the intercessions. A crèche is available and there is Sunday School.

Hymns: 523, 248, 414 (ii) and 474

Setting: Wilson

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

Evening Prayer in the Lady Chapel is at 6.00pm

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Anglican Church in Myanmar (Burma)
The Diocese of Rio de Janeiro in Brazil
The Clergy and Readers of St Albans Abbey.

The World: The people of Christchurch, New Zealand
The people of Libya
The Fairtrade Movement.

The Community and Parish: Residents and Staff at River Court, Home Manor and St Anthony's
The Royal Air Force Association, Abbots Langley and Kings Langley
Our Ecumenical Lent groups.

The Ill and the Housebound: Especially Christopher Bilson, Mary Calvert, Peter Coley, Bill and Marion Craddock-Jones, Jean Crouch, Darrell Dunning, David and Janet Freeman, Jocelyn Harewood, Susetta Hartropp, Peter Hatswell, Ben Heath, Gladys Holloway, Leena Hosie, Jenny Houghton, Mary Kearns, Dorothy Kiddle, Lesley Kinch, Vera Levinson, Loretta Lynch, Jacqui Lyons, Maggie Maguire, Dorcas Ochola, Gaynor Osbourne, Helen Perry, Myrtle Powell, Bryony Purse, June Tatnall, Eric and Anne Wightman.

The Departed: Celia Pain.

Collect

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross:

give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Exodus 24.12–18

A reading from the book of Exodus.

- ¹² The LORD said to Moses, ‘Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.’
- ¹³ So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God.
- ¹⁴ To the elders he had said, ‘Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.’
- ¹⁵ Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain.
- ¹⁶ The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud.
- ¹⁷ Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel.
- ¹⁸ Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

SECOND READING 2 Peter 1.16–21

A reading from the second letter of Peter.

- ¹⁶ We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty.
- ¹⁷ For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, ‘This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.’
- ¹⁸ We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.
- ¹⁹ So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.
- ²⁰ First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation,
- ²¹ because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

GOSPEL Matthew 17.1–9

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

- ¹ Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves.
- ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white.
- ³ Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him.
- ⁴ Then Peter said to Jesus, ‘Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.’
- ⁵ While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!’
- ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear.
- ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, ‘Get up and do not be afraid.’
- ⁸ And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.
- ⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, ‘Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.’

THIS WEEK

Mon	7	Feb	Toddlers Group	10.00 – 11.30am
			River Court Service	3.00pm
Tue	8	Mar	Shrove Tuesday Social	7.30–10.00pm
Wed	9	Mar	ASH WEDNESDAY	
			Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes	10.00am
			Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
			Service at Home Manor	2.30pm
			Sung Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes	7.30pm
Thur	10	Mar	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			St Anthony's	morning
			Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
Sat	12	Mar	RSCM Examinations (Choir Vestry)	morning
Sun	13	Mar	LENT 1	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST: with crèche and Sunday School	9.30am
			(President and Preacher: Fr George)	
			Service of Thanksgiving and Praise with Baptism of Chloe Jeffs	11.15am
			Youth Group Lunch	12.30pm
			Evening Prayer	6.00pm

NOTICES

LENT COURSE: we shall be taking part in the Ecumenical course 'Rich Inheritance – Jesus' legacy of love'. Do sign up on the list in Church today, indicating which weekday and time you prefer and whether you are able to lead and/or host. Also whether you would like a copy of the course booklet - around £6.

ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION: This year's revision will commence on 13th March and finish on Sunday 3rd April. A copy of the current Roll is on the notice board at the back of the Church for you to check. If anyone would like their name added to the Roll, please get a form from Fr Geoff or Henry or Sylvia Moring. If you have changed your email address or telephone number could you also inform us please.

SWORD: SWORD SUBSCRIPTIONS for 2011 are now due. Valerie Alvarez has kindly agreed to collect subscriptions for this year. If you don't subscribe at present and wish to take out a new annual subscription (£6), please see Dennis Beach.

FEBRUARY BRING-&-BUY SALE: Thank you to all who contributed to this; £42 was raised.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

8 March – Shrove Tuesday Social – start the evening with 2 pancakes (savory and/or sweet) then proceed to 4 rounds of a quiz devised by the Bilsons. Tickets £5 available from members of the Social Committee – get yours TODAY.

9 March – Ash Wednesday – services with imposition of ashes at 10 am and 7.30 pm.

19 March – Lent Lunch served by the Brownies with a bring-&-buy stall. Proceeds will go towards The Church Army. 11.30 – 1.30 pm lunch is served from 12 noon.

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