



# THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

*St Michael and All Angels*

Watford

PENTECOST

12 June 2011

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist Fr George celebrates, Martin Heath preaches and Sylvia Moring leads the intercessions. There is Sunday School and a crèche is available.

**Hymns: 175 (i), 178, 179 and 383**

**Setting: Wilson**

Tea and coffee will be served in church after the 9.30 service and this is followed at 11.15am with our monthly Service of Thanksgiving and Praise – please stay on.

Evening Prayer in the Lady Chapel is at 6.00pm.

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

**The Church:** Mark Hollingsworth, bishop of Ohio, USA.

People involved in workplace ministry.

The Anglican Church of Southern Africa.

**The World:** All those suffering through unrest in the Arab world.

Those suffering because of the E. Coli outbreak.

People with HIV/AIDS, and their families and communities.

**The Community and Parish:** Bereavement visitors in our Deanery.

People in our community looking for work.

Our young people taking exams.

**The Ill and the Housebound:** Especially Christopher Bilson, Mary Calvert, Peter

Coley, Bill and Marion Craddock-Jones, Jean Crouch, Kate

Dickinson, Darrell Dunning, David and Janet Freeman, Jocelyn

Harewood, Susetta Hartropp, Ben Heath, Gladys Holloway, Leena

Hosie, Jenny Houghton, Mary Kearns, Dorothy Kiddle, Lesley

Kinch, Loretta Lynch, Jacqui Lyons, Maggie Maguire, Stella

Nicholas, Faith Nkugwa, Dorcas Ochola, Gaynor Osbourne, Helen

Perry, Myrtle Powell, Bryony Purse, June Tatnall, Eric and Anne

Wightman.

**The Departed:** Doris Patricia Beach, Vicarage Road,

Vera Levinson, late of Carlton Court.

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**Collect**

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:  
grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;  
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**FIRST READING Acts 2.1–21**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

- <sup>1</sup> When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.  
<sup>2</sup> And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.  
<sup>3</sup> Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.  
<sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.  
<sup>5</sup> Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem.  
<sup>6</sup> And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.  
<sup>7</sup> Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?  
<sup>8</sup> And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?  
<sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,  
<sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,  
<sup>11</sup> Cretans and Arabs – in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.'  
<sup>12</sup> All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?'  
<sup>13</sup> But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'  
<sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.  
<sup>15</sup> Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning.  
<sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:  
<sup>17</sup> "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

- <sup>18</sup> Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.
- <sup>19</sup> And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
- <sup>20</sup> The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
- <sup>21</sup> Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

## **SECOND READING I Corinthians 12.3b–13**

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

- <sup>3</sup> No one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit.
- <sup>4</sup> Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit;
- <sup>5</sup> and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord;
- <sup>6</sup> and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.
- <sup>7</sup> To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.
- <sup>8</sup> To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit,
- <sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit,
- <sup>10</sup> to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.
- <sup>11</sup> All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.
- <sup>12</sup> For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.
- <sup>13</sup> For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body – Jews or Greeks, slaves or free – and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

## **GOSPEL John 7.37–39**

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

- <sup>37</sup> On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing in the temple, he cried out, 'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me,
- <sup>38</sup> and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, "Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'"
- <sup>39</sup> Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

## THIS WEEK

Mon	13	June	Toddlers' Group	10 – 11.30am
Tue	14	June	(Wedding Rehearsal	3.00pm)
Wed	15	June	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
Thur	16	June	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			attended by Mothers' Union and followed by meeting	
			Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
Sat	18	June	Wedding	3.30pm
Sun	19	June	<b><u>TRINITY SUNDAY</u></b>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George)	
			<b>SUNG EUCHARIST:</b> crèche and Sunday School	<b>9.30am</b>
			(Pres: Fr Geoff, Preacher: Fr George)	
			CHORAL EVENSONG	6.00pm

## NOTICES

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK –This is the last week when we are asked to pay in our donations for the work of Christian Aid . If you have not yet made a donation and wish to do so, please use one of the red envelopes at the back of the church. Thank you.

WATFORD TOWN CENTRE CHAPLAINCY AND ST MARY'S CHURCH invite you to a planning meeting in St Mary's Upper Room on Thursday 23rd June at 7.30 p.m. to consider a proposed Mission initiative of Night Time Outreach to Clubbers in Watford. Their chief chaplain, Richard Chewter, who preached here three weeks ago, deserves and would welcome the support of all Watford churches in this important project. Please ring 01923 227700 or email: office@watfordtcc.org if you would like to attend.

BARN DANCE: In aid of a World Challenge journey to Mozambique to be made by Elizabeth Talbot. In church on Saturday 25th June, 19.15 for 19.30. Ploughmen included. Bring own drink. Fantastic raffle prizes. Tickets: 14 years and over £8.50; 5 - 13 years £5 (4 & under free) Family 2 adults and two children 5 - 13 £22. Contact Elizabeth on 01923 226276 or get them after the service.

PENDLEY SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL: There are still 3 tickets left for this to see The Merry Wives of Windsor on Wednesday 10 August, at a cost of approximately £19-£21. Please see Sylvia this morning. Lifts are available in cars and we plan to take a picnic – weather permitting.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES: The time has come for these to be emptied and the proceeds sent to the Children's Society. Please let Norma have your box soon.

SIX O'CLOCK SERIES: The next service will be next Sunday, 19 June, and will be Choral Evensong. Please make a note of the date in your diary. Would anyone like to help with the refreshments? Please see Sylvia.

FINAL COPY DATE FOR THE JULY SWORD is MIDDAY next Sunday, 19 June. Hard copy or floppy disc to Dennis Beach or email to dhbeach@sky.com.