



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY SUNDAY

19 June 2011

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist Fr Geoff celebrates, Fr George preaches and Paul Chandler leads the intercessions. There is Sunday School and a crèche is available.

Hymns: 202, 514, 203 and 466

Setting: Wilson

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

The Youth Group are going sailing this afternoon.

THE SIX O'CLOCK SERIES: Choral Evensong will be at 6 pm, followed by refreshments.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: David Tani, Bishop of Okinawa, Japan.

The work and witness of our Cathedral and Abbey Church.
Christians in Pakistan and the work of USPG there.

The World: People and communities recovering from earthquakes.

All those affected by proposed industrial action.

Our National Health Service and wisdom in reforms.

The Community and Parish: Our PCC meeting this week.

Our local schools, their pupils, staff, parents and governors.

The West Watford Community Association.

The Ill and the Housebound: Especially Billie Bainbridge (age 4), 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:

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity:

keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities;

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 Isaiah 40.12–17, 27–31

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

¹² Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand and marked off the heavens with a span, enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance?

¹³ Who has directed the spirit of the LORD, or as his counsellor has instructed him?

¹⁴ Whom did he consult for his enlightenment, and who taught him the path of justice? Who taught him knowledge, and showed him the way of understanding?

¹⁵ Even the nations are like a drop from a bucket, and are accounted as dust on the scales; see, he takes up the isles like fine dust.

¹⁶ Lebanon would not provide fuel enough, nor are its animals enough for a burnt-offering.

¹⁷ All the nations are as nothing before him; they are accounted by him as less than nothing and emptiness.

²⁷ Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, 'My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God'?

²⁸ Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.

²⁹ He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.

³⁰ Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted;

³¹ but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 13.11–13

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

¹¹ Brothers and sisters, put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.

¹² Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

¹³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

GOSPEL Matthew 28.16–20

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

¹⁶ The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them.

¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted.

¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

THIS WEEK

Mon	20	June	Toddlers' Group	10 – 11.30am
Tue	21	June	Chase Care Home Service	2.30pm
			PAUSE	
Wed	22	June	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
			PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL	7.45 for 7.55pm
Thur	23	June	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
Sat	25	June	BARN DANCE (see Notices below)	7.15 for 7.30pm
Sun	26	June	<u>TRINITY 1</u>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST: crèche and Sunday School	9.30am
			(Pres and Preacher: Fr Geoff)	
			followed by a Bring-&-Buy Sale	
			Animal Welfare Service	3.00pm
			Evening Prayer	6.00pm

NOTICES

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 four 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.

CHURCH COMMITTEES: St Michael's PCC has several committees which consider certain aspects of church life (eg maintenance of buildings, worship, finance, mission, work with young people, publicity, social). Membership of the committees is open to all church members. At this time of year, we invite people to sign up for membership of one or more of the committees. The lists are on the signings table at the west end – please help your church by signing up for one.

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 is tonight Sunday, 19 June, and is Choral Evensong. Would anyone like to help with the refreshments? Please see Sylvia.

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