



# THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

*St Michael and All Angels*

Watford

TRINITY 1

26 June 2011

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist Fr Geoff celebrates and preaches and Anne Eccleshall leads the intercessions. There is Sunday School and a crèche is available.

**Hymns: 586 (omit \*s), 533, 276 (i) and 618**

**Setting: Wilson**

Tea and coffee will be served in church after the 9.30 service and there is a Bring-&-Buy Sale – please stay on.

Our annual Service of Thanksgiving for Creation and Blessing of Animals is at 3 pm. Everyone is welcome.

Evening Prayer in the Lady Chapel is at 6 pm.

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

**The Church:** Ken Okeke, Bishop of On the Niger, Nigeria.  
Anglican Methodist Relationships in our Diocese.  
USPG in Britain and Ireland.

**The World:** Prisoners of conscience, and persecuted minorities across the world.  
Our armed forces personnel serving in this country and overseas.  
Refugees, and organisations working to help them.

**The Community and Parish:** The Multicultural Community Centre.  
The financial health of our Church.  
The Peace Hospice.

**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:**

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## Collect

○ God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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 Genesis 22.1–14**

A reading from the book of Genesis.

- <sup>1</sup> God tested Abraham. He said to him, 'Abraham!' And Abraham said, 'Here I am.'
- <sup>2</sup> God said, 'Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt-offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.'
- <sup>3</sup> So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt-offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him.
- <sup>4</sup> On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away.
- <sup>5</sup> Then Abraham said to his young men, 'Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.'
- <sup>6</sup> Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together.
- <sup>7</sup> Isaac said to his father Abraham, 'Father!' And Abraham said, 'Here I am, my son.' Isaac said, 'The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt-offering?'
- <sup>8</sup> Abraham said, 'God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt-offering, my son.' So the two of them walked on together.
- <sup>9</sup> When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood.
- <sup>10</sup> Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son.
- <sup>11</sup> But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, 'Abraham, Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.'
- <sup>12</sup> The angel said, 'Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.'
- <sup>13</sup> And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt-offering instead of his son.
- <sup>14</sup> So Abraham called that place 'The LORD will provide'; as it is said to this day, 'On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.'

## SECOND READING Romans 6.12–23

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

- <sup>12</sup> Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions.
- <sup>13</sup> No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness.
- <sup>14</sup> For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.
- <sup>15</sup> What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means!
- <sup>16</sup> Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?
- <sup>17</sup> But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness.
- <sup>18</sup> I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.
- <sup>19</sup> When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness.
- <sup>20</sup> So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death.
- <sup>21</sup> But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life.
- <sup>22</sup> For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- <sup>23</sup>

## GOSPEL Matthew 10.40–42

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

- Jesus said to the twelve:
- <sup>40</sup> ‘Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.
- <sup>41</sup> Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous;
- <sup>42</sup> and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple – truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.’

## THIS WEEK

Mon	27	June	Toddlers' Group	10 – 11.30am
Tue	28	June	Bible Study (Choir Vestry)	8.00 pm
Wed	29	June	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
Thur	30	June	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
Sat	2	July	Parish walk	leave church at 10.00am
Sun	3	July	<b><u>THOMAS the APOSTLE</u></b>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George)	
			<b>SUNG EUCHARIST: crèche and Sunday School</b>	<b>9.30am</b>
			(Pres and Preacher: Fr Geoff)	
			Evening Prayer	6.00pm

## NOTICES

**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.

**CRAFT WORKSHOPS FOR ADULTS CHILDREN AND FAMILIES:** An ecumenical event planned for the afternoon of our Harvest Festival, Sunday 2nd October, 4.00-6.30. Offers of craft activities for adults and children sought. Please make a note in your diaries. Registration form available soon.

**BRING-AND-SHARE LUNCH:** Wednesday, 6 July 2011, at 12.30 pm. Please sign the list on the signings table.

**PARISH WALK:** Saturday, 2 July. Please sign the list on the signings table.

**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.