



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

St Thomas the Apostle

Sunday 3 July 2011

A warm welcome to our services today.

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

Hymns: 628, 515, 483 and 323

Setting: Aston

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 pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: People being ordained at Pentecost, and those beginning ordained ministry.

General Synod meeting in York.

The National Christian Council of India.

The World: The people and government of Greece.

Relations between Government and public sector workers.

Voluntary Service Overseas.

The Community and Parish: Plans for celebrating our Centenary in 2013.

Watford Town Centre Chaplaincy - work with drug addiction and prostitution.

People renewing marriage vows in our Church this year.

The Ill and the Housebound: Especially Bruce Alexander, 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 Hartopp, 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 eternal God,
who, for the firmer foundation of our faith,
allowed your holy apostle Thomas
to doubt the resurrection of your Son
till word and sight convinced him:
grant to us, who have not seen, that we also may believe
and so confess Christ as our Lord and our God;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Habakkuk 2.1-4

A reading from the book of the prophet Habakkuk.

- ¹ I will stand at my watch-post, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint.
- ² Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it.
- ³ For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay.
- ⁴ Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

SECOND READING Ephesians 2.19–22

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

- ¹⁹ You are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God,
²⁰ built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.
²¹ In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord;
²² in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

GOSPEL John 20.24–29

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

- ²⁴ Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.
²⁵ So the other disciples told him, ‘We have seen the Lord.’ But he said to them, ‘Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.’
²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’
²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.’
²⁸ Thomas answered him, ‘My Lord and my God!’
²⁹ Jesus said to him, ‘Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.’

THIS WEEK

Mon	4	July	Toddlers' Group	10 – 11.30am
			Service at River Court	3.00pm
Wed	6	July	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
			Parish Bring-&-Share Lunch	12.30pm
			11.15 Planning Committee (86 Mildred Ave)	8.00pm
Thur	7	July	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			Funeral of Geoffrey Hunter (in Church)	11.30am
			Fairhaven	morning
			Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
Fri	8	July	Mothers' Union Wave of Prayer (Lady Chapel)	10.00am
			Archdeacon's Inspection with the Churchwardens	12 noon
Sun	10	July	TRINITY 3	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST: crèche and Sunday School	9.30am
			(Pres: Fr Geoff; Preacher: Violet Allen-Smith)	
			11.15 Service of Thanksgiving & Praise	11.15am
			Youth Group Lunch	
			Evening Prayer	6.00pm

NOTICES

The St MICHAEL'S BARBEQUE is next Sunday 10 July at about 12.30pm following the 11.15 Service at the west end of the Church on the triangle. We provide the barbecues and charcoal, plastic cups, sausages, beefburgers, bread and butter, salads, ketchup and dressings, puddings and maybe one or two other items. Bring your own drinks and something to sit on. Tickets are £5 (under 5s free). For further information and to order tickets please contact: Alison Makin (236067), Elizabeth Watkin (442242) or Iola Bilson (227276).

LAST SUNDAY'S BRING-&-BUY raised £44.50. Many thanks.

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.