



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 7

Sunday 7 August 2011

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist Fr Geoff celebrates and preaches and Sylvia Moring leads the intercessions.

Hymns: 233 (i), 485 Pt. 1 (t305), 411 and 437

Setting: White

Choir Motet: CP308 (i) (please join in singing)

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

At 6 pm there is evening prayer in the Lady Chapel.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: Bishops and people in Nigeria, USA, Tanzania, Brazil, England
The Anglican Indigenous Network

The Deanery of Bedford in our Diocese of St Albans.

The World: Drought victims in East Africa and the Horn of Africa

The people of Syria and Libya

People suffering through difficult economic conditions.

The Community and Parish: Residents and staff at Home Manor and St Anthony's

The work of the community centres in our Parish

Watford General Hospital.

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 Hartropp, Ben Heath, Gladys Holloway, Leena Hosie, Jenny Houghton, Mary Kearns, Dorothy Kiddle, Lesley Kinch, Loretta Lynch, Maggie Maguire, Stella Nicholas, Faith Nkugwa, Dorcas Ochola, Gaynor Osbourne, Helen Perry, Myrtle Powell, Bryony Purse, Douglas Redman, June Tatnall, Eric and Anne Wightman.

The Departed:

COLLECT

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us
with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
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 37.1–4, 12–28

A reading from the book of Genesis.

- ¹ Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan.
- ² This is the story of the family of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father.
- ³ Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves.
- ⁴ But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.
- ¹² Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem.
- ¹³ And Israel said to Joseph, 'Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them.' He answered, 'Here I am.'
- ¹⁴ So he said to him, 'Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me.' So he sent him from the valley of Hebron. He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, 'What are you seeking?'
- ¹⁶ 'I am seeking my brothers,' he said; 'tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock.'
- ¹⁷ The man said, 'They have gone away, for I heard them say, "Let us go to Dothan."' So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan.
- ¹⁸ They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him.
- ¹⁹ They said to one another, 'Here comes this dreamer.'
- ²⁰ Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams.'
- ²¹ But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, 'Let us not take his life.'
- ²² Reuben said to them, 'Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him' – that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father.
- ²³ So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore;
- ²⁴ and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.
- ²⁵ Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt.
- ²⁶ Then Judah said to his brothers, 'What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood?'
- ²⁷ Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.' And his brothers agreed.
- ²⁸ When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

SECOND READING Romans 10.5–15

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

- 5 Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that ‘the person who does these things will live by them.’
- 6 But the righteousness that comes from faith says, ‘Do not say in your heart, “Who will ascend into heaven?”’ (that is, to bring Christ down)
- 7 ‘or “Who will descend into the abyss?”’ (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).
- 8 But what does it say? ‘The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart’ (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim);
- 9 because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.
- 10 For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.
- 11 The scripture says, ‘No one who believes in him will be put to shame.’
- 12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him.
- 13 For, ‘Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’
- 14 But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him?
- 15 And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!’

GOSPEL Matthew 14.22–33

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

- Immediately after feeding the crowd with the five loaves and two fish,
- 22 Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.
- 23 And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone,
- 24 but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them.
- 25 And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake.
- 26 But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, ‘It is a ghost!’ And they cried out in fear.
- 27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, ‘Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.’
- 28 Peter answered him, ‘Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.’
- 29 He said, ‘Come.’ So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus.
- 30 But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, ‘Lord, save me!’
- 31 Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, ‘You of little faith, why did you doubt?’
- 32 When they got into the boat, the wind ceased.
- 33 And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, ‘Truly you are the Son of God.’

THIS WEEK

Mon	8	Aug	Toddlers' Group	10 – 11.30am
			Estates Committee (Choir Vestry)	7.30 pm
	9	Aug	Bible Study (Choir Vestry)	8.00pm
Wed	10	Aug	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
			Service at Home Manor	3.00pm
Thur	11	Aug	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			St Anthony's	morning
Sun	14	Aug	<u>TRINITY 8</u>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff)	8.00am
			EUCCHARIST (Pres and Preacher: Rev David Tuck)	9.30am
			Evening Prayer	6.00pm

NOTICES

LAST SUNDAY'S BRING-&-BUY raised £47.50. Thank you.

CHOIR PRACTICE: No choir practice until Thursday, 2nd September.

BIKE 'N HIKE: Sponsors, riders and walkers needed for the Historical Churches Trust event on **Saturday, 10 September**. Volunteers are also needed to keep the church open to welcome visitors. Please contact Phil Gough (466956). The 10 September is a very busy day at St Michael's as the church will also be open for a National Heritage Day and there will be a coffee morning in aid of The Children's Society. Please support one or more of these activities if you can.

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.

JUBILATUM AT MAINZ: Kristine has received an e-mail from Herr Lamby asking if any of us is going to Mainz at the beginning of September for their "Jubilatum" to be held in the Cathedral on 4th September (party afterwards - different venue). Anyone interested should discuss with Pat Beach or Kristine.

GRAND TEA PARTY FOR USPG: The tea party held by Sue Winterbotham was a great success and raised £187. Added to this Sue raised some money at her bridge group so she has been able to send £211 to USPG. If anyone else would like to hold a special event to help raise vital funds for the World Church through USPG please contact Gill Heath (249168) and see the article in next month's Sword..