



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 8

Sunday 14 August 2011

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist the Rev David Tuck celebrates and preaches and John Adams leads the intercessions. We also welcome Andrew Ward who will accompany on the piano.

Hymns: 490 (i), 456, 347 and 612

Setting: White

Choir Motet: CP324 (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 Australia, England, USA, Sudan, Canada and Tanzania.

The Anglican Church in Mauritius.

Churches working in areas hit by riots.

The World: Communities, businesses and families rebuilding themselves after riots.

Our police, and the criminal justice system, and political decision makers.

Victims of drought and starvation in East Africa and the Horn of Africa.

The Community and Parish: Peace and stability in our local community, and its protection from criminality.

Finding ways for other disaffected young people to make positive changes in their lives.

The hardworking and responsible young people of our church and community.

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, 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: Jocelyn Harewood, Chester Road. Jocelyn's funeral will be at 11 am on Tuesday 23 August.

Collect

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments;
that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Genesis 45.1–15

A reading from the book of Genesis.

- 1 Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, ‘Send everyone away from me.’ So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers.
- 2 And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it.
- 3 Joseph said to his brothers, ‘I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?’ But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.
- 4 Then Joseph said to his brothers, ‘Come closer to me.’ And they came closer. He said, ‘I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt.
- 5 And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life.
- 6 For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest.
- 7 God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors.
- 8 So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt.
- 9 Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, “Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay.
- 10 You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have.
- 11 I will provide for you there – since there are five more years of famine to come – so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.”
- 12 And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you.

- ¹³ You must tell my father how greatly I am honoured in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.’
- ¹⁴ Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck.
- ¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

SECOND READING Romans 11.1–2a, 29–32

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

- ¹ I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin.
- ² God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.
- ²⁹ For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.
- ³⁰ Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience,
- ³¹ so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy.
- ³² For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

GOSPEL Matthew 15. 21–28

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

- ²¹ Jesus went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon.
- ²² A Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, ‘Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.’
- ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, ‘Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.’
- ²⁴ He answered, ‘I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.’
- ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, ‘Lord, help me.’
- ²⁶ He answered, ‘It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.’
- ²⁷ She said, ‘Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.’
- ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, ‘Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.’ And her daughter was healed instantly.

THIS WEEK

Mon	15	Aug	Toddlers' Group	10 – 11.30am
Tue	16	Aug	Service at the Chase Care Home	2.30pm
Wed	17	Aug	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
Thur	18	Aug	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language) followed by coffee with the Mothers' Union	10.00am
Sun	21	Aug	<u>TRINITY 9</u> Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff)	8.00am
			EUCHARIST (Pres: Fr Geoff; Preacher: Martin Heath)	9.30am
			Evening Prayer	6.00pm

NOTICES

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.

MOTHERS' UNION BIBLE QUIZ: Following the success of last year's MU Bible Quiz, Violet has produced another one for your entertainment during the weeks of summer. Bible references are given. The quiz costs £1 (copies are at the west end of the church) and all the proceeds will go to Mothers' Union work in this country and overseas. There will be a small prize for the first correct entry drawn after they have been marked.

CRAFT WORKSHOPS FOR ADULTS CHILDREN AND FAMILIES: An ecumenical event planned for the afternoon of our Harvest Festival, Sunday 2nd October, **3.30-6.00pm**. 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..

CHOIR PRACTICE: No choir practice until Thursday, 1st September.

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