



# THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

*St Michael and All Angels*

Watford

**TRINITY 10**

Sunday 28 August 2011

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Sung Eucharist Fr Geoff celebrates and preaches and Pam Hart leads the intercessions. The service will include the Renewal of Wedding Vows by Bill & Marion Craddock-Jones.

**Hymns: 393, 582, 516 (ii) and 418**

**Setting: White**

**Choir Motet: CP322** (please join in singing)

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

Baptism of Maci Turner at 2 pm.

Baptism of Madison Powell at 3 pm.

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

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

**The Church:** Colleges and Universities in the Anglican Communion.  
USPG work with theological education in Papua New Guinea.  
Christian writers and poets.

**The World:** The people of Tripoli and other parts of Libya.  
Victims of famine in East Africa and the Horn of Africa.  
Recovery and regrowth in communities hit by riots.

**The Community and Parish:** Children being baptised, and their families.  
Young people starting new phases of their education and careers.  
Our ecumenical partners in West Watford.

**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:**

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**Collect**

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you;  
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 Exodus 3.1–15**

A reading from the book of Exodus.

- <sup>1</sup> Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.
- <sup>2</sup> There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed.
- <sup>3</sup> Then Moses said, 'I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.'
- <sup>4</sup> When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' And he said, 'Here I am.'
- <sup>5</sup> Then he said, 'Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.'
- <sup>6</sup> He said further, 'I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.
- <sup>7</sup> Then the LORD said, 'I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings,
- <sup>8</sup> and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites.
- <sup>9</sup> The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them.
- <sup>10</sup> So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.'
- <sup>11</sup> But Moses said to God, 'Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?'
- <sup>12</sup> He said, 'I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.'
- <sup>13</sup> But Moses said to God, 'If I come to the Israelites and say to them, "The God of your ancestors has sent me to you," and they ask me, "What is his name?" what shall I say to them?'
- <sup>14</sup> God said to Moses, 'I AM WHO I AM.' He said further, 'Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "I AM has sent me to you."'

<sup>15</sup> God also said to Moses, ‘Thus you shall say to the Israelites, “The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you”’: This is my name for ever, and this my title for all generations.’

## **SECOND READING Romans 12.9–21**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

<sup>9</sup> Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good;  
<sup>10</sup> love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour.  
<sup>11</sup> Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord.  
<sup>12</sup> Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.  
<sup>13</sup> Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.  
<sup>14</sup> Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.  
<sup>15</sup> Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.  
<sup>16</sup> Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are.  
<sup>17</sup> Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all.  
<sup>18</sup> If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.  
<sup>19</sup> Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, ‘Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.’  
<sup>20</sup> No, ‘if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.’  
<sup>21</sup> Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

## **GOSPEL Matthew 16.21–28**

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

<sup>21</sup> From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.  
<sup>22</sup> And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, ‘God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.’  
<sup>23</sup> But he turned and said to Peter, ‘Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.’  
<sup>24</sup> Then Jesus told his disciples, ‘If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.  
<sup>25</sup> For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.  
<sup>26</sup> For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?  
<sup>27</sup> For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done.  
<sup>28</sup> Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.’

## THIS WEEK

Mon	29	Aug	<i>Bank Holiday</i> NO Toddlers' Group	
Wed	31	Aug	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
Thur	1	Sep	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			Fairhaven	morning
			Choir Practice restarts	7 – 8.30pm
Sat	3	Sep	Parish Walk	leave church at 10am
Sun	4	Sep	<b><u>TRINITY 11</u></b> Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff)	8.00am
			<b>SUNG EUCHARIST</b> (Pres: Fr Geoff; Preacher: Violet)	<b>9.30am</b>
			Baptism of Kian Phillips	3.00pm
			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.

**THE FLOWERS** in the Lady chapel are given in memory of Olga & Joseph Browne (Enid Saunders' parents). Thank you.

**PARISH WALK:** Saturday, 3 September and **BRING-AND-SHARE LUNCH:** Wednesday, 7 September, at 12.30 pm. Please sign the lists on the signings table.

**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.

**YOUTH QUIZ IN AID OF CHRISTIAN AID:** A quiz and pot luck lunch for young people to be held in church on Sunday, 11 September at 12.30 pm. Tickets £4.50 (all of which will go directly to Christian Aid). Booking is essential – please contact Jane Talbot (01923 226276 or [halfsentence@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:halfsentence@yahoo.co.uk)) Teams of up to 8 people – bring a team or come on your own and join a team.