



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 11

Sunday 4 September 2011

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Sung Eucharist Fr Geoff celebrates, Violet Allen-Smith preaches and Sylvia Moring leads the intercessions.

Hymns: 444, 556, 512 and 424 (omit *s)

Setting: Rawsthorne

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

Baptism of Kian Phillips at 3 pm.

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

For your prayers this week:

The Church: Paul Kim, Bishop of Seoul, Korea, and the people of the Diocese.
USPG's Experience Exchange Programme
The work of Bible translation.
Jubilatum at Mainz.

The World: Members of our Armed Forces.
Victims of famine in East Africa and the Horn of Africa.
The Fair Trade Movement.

The Community and Parish: The Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust.
Visitors to our Church this coming Saturday.
Artists and art projects in 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, Jessie Hobby, 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: Fiona Luke (aged 42).

Collect

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:
mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure;
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 12.1–14

A reading from the book of Exodus.

- ¹ The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt:
- ² This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you.
- ³ Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household.
- ⁴ If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it.
- ⁵ Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats.
- ⁶ You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight.
- ⁷ They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it.
- ⁸ They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs.
- ⁹ Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs.
- ¹⁰ You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn.
- ¹¹ This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD.
- ¹² For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements: I am the LORD.
- ¹³ The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.
- ¹⁴ This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

SECOND READING Romans 13.8–14

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

- ⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.
- ⁹ The commandments, ‘You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet’; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’
- ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.
- ¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers;
- ¹² the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light;
- ¹³ let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy.
- ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

GOSPEL Matthew 18.15–20

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

Jesus spoke to his disciples.

- ¹⁵ ‘If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one.
- ¹⁶ But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses.
- ¹⁷ If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector.
- ¹⁸ Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.
- ¹⁹ Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven.
- ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.’

THIS WEEK

Mon	5	Sep	<i>School Term starts this week</i>	
			Toddlers' Group	10 – 11.30am
			Service at River Court	3.00pm
Wed	7	Sep	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
			Bring-&-Share Lunch	12.30pm
Thur	8	Sep	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			St Anthony's	morning
			Choir Practice	7 – 8.30pm
Sat	10	Sep	See Notices and RSCM Examinations in the Choir Vestry from 9 am	
Sun	11	Sep	<u>TRINITY 12</u>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George)	
			SUNG EUCHARIST (Pres and Preacher: Fr Geoff;)	9.30am
			Service of Thanksgiving and Praise	11.15am
			Youth Group Quiz and Lunch in aid of Christian Aid	12.30pm
			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. 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 (see September Sword). There will be a small prize for the first correct entry drawn.

LAST SUNDAY'S BRING-&-BUY raised £42.50. Many thanks.

BRING-AND-SHARE LUNCH: Wednesday, 7 September, at 12.30 pm. Please sign the list 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. The workshop will be followed by Ecumenical Worship at St Michael's at 6 pm.

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) Teams of up to 8 people – bring a team or come on your own and join a team.