



# THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

*St Michael and All Angels*

Watford

**TRINITY 17**

Sunday 16 October 2011

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Sung Eucharist, Fr George celebrates and preaches and Graham Mordue leads the intercessions.

**Hymns: 435 (i), 400, 295 and 612**

**Setting: Aston**

Please stay on for tea and coffee which will be served in church after the 9.30 service.

At 6 pm there is an RSCM festival service 'The Word Revealed' which celebrates the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible. Please make a special effort to come.

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

**The Church:** John Harrower, Bishop of Tasmania.  
Holy Cross Theological College in Myanmar (Burma) supported by USPG.

Church Army's work in Communications.

**The World:** World peace at the start of the Week of Prayer.

The people of Greece.

Children in poverty in our country and other countries.

Disabled ex-servicemen and women.

**The Community and Parish:** Our Brownies.

Chase Care Centre.

Laurance Haines School.

**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, 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, Eric and Anne Wightman.

**The Departed:**

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**COLLECT**

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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 33.12–23**

A reading from the book of Exodus.

- <sup>12</sup> Moses said to the LORD, “See, you have said to me, “Bring up this people”; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, “I know you by name, and you have also found favour in my sight.”
- <sup>13</sup> Now if I have found favour in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favour in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people.’
- <sup>14</sup> He said, ‘My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.’
- <sup>15</sup> And he said to him, ‘If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here.
- <sup>16</sup> For how shall it be known that I have found favour in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth.’
- <sup>17</sup> The LORD said to Moses, ‘I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favour in my sight, and I know you by name.’
- <sup>18</sup> Moses said, ‘Show me your glory, I pray.’
- <sup>19</sup> And he said, ‘I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, “The LORD”; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy.
- <sup>20</sup> But,’ he said, ‘you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live.’
- <sup>21</sup> And the LORD continued, ‘See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock;
- <sup>22</sup> and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by;
- <sup>23</sup> then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen.’

## SECOND READING I Thessalonians 1.1–10

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

- <sup>1</sup> From Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.
- <sup>2</sup> We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers,
- <sup>3</sup> constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.
- <sup>4</sup> For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you,
- <sup>5</sup> because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake.
- <sup>6</sup> And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit,
- <sup>7</sup> so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia.
- <sup>8</sup> For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it.
- <sup>9</sup> For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God,
- <sup>10</sup> and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead – Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

## GOSPEL Matthew 22.15–22

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

- When the chief priests and Pharisees had heard the parables, they realized that Jesus was speaking about them.
- <sup>15</sup> Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said.
- <sup>16</sup> So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, ‘Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality.
- <sup>17</sup> Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?’
- <sup>18</sup> But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, ‘Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites?
- <sup>19</sup> Show me the coin used for the tax.’ And they brought him a denarius.
- <sup>20</sup> Then he said to them, ‘Whose head is this, and whose title?’
- <sup>21</sup> They answered, ‘The emperor’s.’ Then he said to them, ‘Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.’
- <sup>22</sup> When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

## THIS WEEK

Mon	17	Oct	Toddlers' Group	10 – 11.30am
Tue	18	Oct	Service at the Chase Care Home	2.30pm
Wed	19	Oct	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
Thur	20	Oct	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language) attended by Mothers' Union and followed by a meeting in Choir Vestry Laurance Haines School rehearsal Choir Practice	10.00am    afternoon 7.00 – 8.30pm
Fri	21	Oct	Laurance Haines School Harvest celebration	morning
Sun	23	Oct	<b><u>LAST SUNDAY after TRINITY</u></b> Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George) <b>SUNG EUCHARIST</b> (President: Fr Geoff; preacher: Violet Allen-Smith) Baptism of Chloë Eames-Odell Evening Prayer	8.00am  <b>9.30am</b> 3.00pm 6.00pm

## **NOTICES**

**THE SIX O'CLOCK SERIES:** The Service tonight, 16 October, at 6 pm will be the RSCM Festival Service 'The Word Revealed' and will have an emphasis on the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the King James Bible. So many of our homes have a King James Bible gathering dust in the bookcase while we favour a more modern translation. But we know so many quotations from the King James Bible which make a more modern version sound strange. This is an opportunity to celebrate this very special book. The service will be followed by refreshments. Please do your best to attend.

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE:** 16-23 October. A copy of the leaflet of prayers for this week is available for everyone. Please take one home with you.

**CHRISTMAS FAIR:** 12 November 2011 from 11 .am – 2.30.pm. Have you read the article in this month's Sword? This is an annual event when we raise funds to help pay the 'housekeeping' bills. There are sheets on the signings table asking for many kinds of help. Please do your utmost to help this year. Tell your friends and neighbours about it. Make a note to have lunch at the Fair on that day. Start to bring items for sale as soon as you can. Your church needs YOU.

**FINAL COPY DATE FOR THE NOVEMBER SWORD** is midday next Sunday, 23 October. Hard copy or floppy disc to Dennis Beach or email to dhbeach@sky.com.

**MORNING PRAYER** in the Lady Chapel will not be said until Monday 24 October.