



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

EASTER 6

13 May 2012

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist, Fr George celebrates and preaches and Paul Jenkins leads the intercessions.

Hymns: 538, 483, 295 and 254

Setting: Rawsthorne

Tea and coffee will be served in church after the 9.30 service. This is followed by the 11.15 Service of Thanksgiving and Praise which today is a Baptism Renewal Service – please stay on.

Evening Prayer is at 6 pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Church of the Province of Melanesia, Most Revd David Vunagi, Archbishop of Melanesia, and Bishop of Central Melanesia.
The Parish of St Barnabas Adeyfield, Hemel Hempstead, in our Diocese.
Health work in Malawi, supported by USPG.

The World: All those affected by the current poor economic climate.
The people of Greece and Spain, facing difficult times.
People who are unemployed, facing unemployment, or living on very low wages.

The Community and Parish: Our PCC and its officers, advisors, and committees.
Our relationships with West Watford Free Church and Trinity Methodist Church.
Newly elected councillors, and all who represent and serve us in local government..

The Ill and the Housebound: Especially Bruce Alexander, Billie Bainbridge (age 5), Christopher Bilson, Peter Coley, Bill and Marion Craddock-Jones, Jean Crouch, Darrell Dunning, Ben Heath, Jessie Hobby, Leena Hosie, Jenny Houghton, Audrey and Harvey Jaquest, Mary Kearns, Lesley Kinch, Loretta Lynch, Jacqui Lyons, Maggie Maguire, Stella Nicholas, Faith Nkugwa, Dorcas Ochola, Helen Perry, Myrtle Powell, Christina and David Simon, Rosie Waite, Eric and Anne Wightman.

The Departed:

Collect

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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 Acts 10.44–48

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

- ⁴⁴ While Peter was speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word.
- ⁴⁵ The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles,
- ⁴⁶ for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said,
- ⁴⁷ ‘Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?’
- ⁴⁸ So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

SECOND READING I John 5.1–6

A reading from the first letter of John.

- ¹ Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child.
- ² By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments.
- ³ For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome,
- ⁴ for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith.

- ⁵ Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?
- ⁶ This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

GOSPEL John 15.9–17

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

Jesus said to his disciples:

- ⁹ ‘As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love.
- ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love.
- ¹¹ I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.
- ¹² This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.
- ¹³ No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.
- ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you.
- ¹⁵ I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.
- ¹⁶ You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name.
- ¹⁷ I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.’

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Concert by Ullern Chamberchoir from Oslo at St Michael’s – 26 May at 6 pm

Barbecue 8 July 2012 – at 8 Cassiobury Park Avenue

Sunday, 15 July 2012 at 6.30 pm. Archdeacon Jonathan Smith coming to Choral Evensong which will include the induction of Fr Geoffrey Calvert as our Vicar.

THIS WEEK

Mon	14	May	Toddlers' Group	10.00 – 11.30am
Tue	15	May	Service at the Chase Care Centre	2.30pm
			Social Committee (8 Cassiobury Park Avenue)	8.45pm
Wed	16	May	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
Thur	17	May	ASCENSION DAY	
			Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			attended by Mothers' Union	
			St Anthony's during morning	
			Choir Practice	6.30-8.00pm
			Sung Eucharist	8.00 pm
Fri	18	May	<i>Set up for plant sale (see Sylvia and Dennis about time)</i>	
Sat	19	May	PLANT SALE	10.30am – 12 noon
Sun	20	May	<u>EASTER 7</u>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George)	
			SUNG EUCHARIST (President Fr Geoff and preacher Violet Allen-Smith)	9.30am
			Stations of the Resurrection (followed by refreshments)	6.00pm

NOTICES

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES: It is the time of year when these are emptied and the collection sent to the Society. If you have one please bring it in to Norma Twitchin to be emptied.

MORNING PRAYER in Lady Chapel will not be held between 9 and 26th May.

PLANT SALE: 19 May 2012 – 10.30 – 12 noon. Posters and handbills are available for display and circulation. Please help with this if you can. We hope to have a lot of plants to sell. In addition, we hope to raise money by selling other items – books, DVDs, gifts, provisions, jams, marmalade, cakes, bric-a-brac, toys – in fact anything that we are given to sell. Raffle prizes are also welcome. All the proceeds from this sale go to our mission and charitable giving. We would appreciate help with running the stalls so if you are able to help in this way please see one of us. Items for sale can be brought to church at any time from now. Cakes are very welcome on the day. Norma & Sylvia

INSIDE STREET PARTY – Sunday, 3 June. The Social Committee is planning this. There is a list at the back of the church. Please sign this to indicate the type of food you will be bringing. You do not need to specify the precise item(s) we just need an indication that we will have a balance of savoury and sweet dishes.

MOTHERS' UNION: Please note that there will not be a garden party on 17th May.