



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY SUNDAY

3 June 2012

A warm welcome to our services today when we celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist, Fr Geoff celebrates and preaches. Phil Gough leads the intercessions.

Hymns: 369, 202, O King of Kings and 354 (arr Jacob) **Setting: Wilson**

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

The St Michael's "Inside Street Party" is from 12.30pm.

Evening Prayer is at 6.00pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Parish of Houghton Regis, its ministers and people.
The Diocese of Connor (Ireland), The Rt Revd Alan Francis Abernethy, and all its people.
The Anglican Church in Ethiopia..

The World: Her Majesty the Queen celebrating her Diamond Jubilee.
Communities having street parties and other celebrations across the nation and world.
The people of Syria..

The Community and Parish: Everyone gathering for our "Inside Street Party" today.
Our deacons, subdeacons and servers.
Everyone who receives the "Sword".

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: Edna Florence Debnam (Primrose Lodge).

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; 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 Isaiah 6.1–8

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

- 1 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple.
- 2 Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew.
- 3 And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.'
- 4 The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke.
- 5 And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!'
- 6 Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs.
- 7 The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.'
- 8 Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

SECOND READING Romans 8.12–17

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

- 12 Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh –
- 13 for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.
- 14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

- 15 For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!'
- 16 it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God,
- 17 and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ – if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

GOSPEL John 3.1–17

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

- 1 There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews.
- 2 He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.'
- 3 Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.'
- 4 Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?'
- 5 Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit.
- 6 What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit.
- 7 Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above."
- 8 The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.'
- 9 Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?'
- 10 Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?
- 11 Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony.
- 12 If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?
- 13 No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.
- 14 And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,
- 15 that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.
- 16 For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.
- 17 Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'

THIS WEEK

Mon	4	June	<i>Bank Holiday</i> NO Toddlers' Group	
Tue	5	June	<i>Bank Holiday</i>	
Wed	6	June	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
Thur	7	June	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			Fairhaven	morning
			Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
Sun	10	June	<u>FIRST SUNDAY after TRINITY</u> Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST (Pres: Fr George; preacher: Martin Heath)	9.30am
			Service of Thanksgiving and Praise	11.15am
			(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church	1.00pm – 5.00pm)
			Evening Prayer	6.00pm

NOTICES

THE JACOBITE SYRIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH from India is seeking for a church in the Watford area for worship two Sundays a month. They have approached St Michael's and the Vicar and Churchwarden have agreed that they can use the church on the second and fourth Sundays for a trial period. Their first service at St Michael's was last Sunday and they were very pleased with the way the service went.

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

ANIMAL WELFARE SERVICE – 24 June at 3 pm in St Michael's.

LUNCHTIME BARBECUE 8 JULY 2012 – at 8 Cassiobury Park Avenue Tickets are £6 (including all food); children under 5 free. Tickets are available from any member of the Social Committee.

SUNDAY, 15 JULY 2012 AT 6.30 pm. Archdeacon Jonathan Smith is coming to Choral Evensong which will include the induction of Fr Geoffrey Calvert as our Vicar. Please make every effort to attend this very special occasion for Fr Geoff and St Michael's.

SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL AT PENDLEY MANOR: Last year 10 of us went to this and had a very enjoyable evening. This year the plays and dates are as follows: Romeo and Juliet (31 July to 4 August) and Much Ado About Nothing (7-11 August). If you would be interested in joining a group to go to one of these plays please sign the list on the signings table within the next 2 weeks.