



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 1

10 June 2012

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist, Fr George celebrates and Martin Heath preaches. Sylvia Moring leads the intercessions.

Hymns: 493, 423 (i), 304 and 621

Setting: Wilson

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 – please stay on.

The Jacobean Syrian Orthodox Church will be worshipping in St Michael's from 1-5 pm.

Evening Prayer is at 6 pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Church of the Transfiguration, Kempston, in our Diocese.
The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma), Most Revd Stephen Than Myint Oo, and its people.
USPG's leadership development work in Southern Africa.

The World: The continued contribution of the Queen and Royal Family to our nation.

The people of Syria.

World leaders at the G20 Summit, and the plight of poor countries.

The Community and Parish: River Court, Home Manor and St Anthony's, and those taking services this week.

The Multicultural Community Centre.

Young people preparing for and taking exams.

The Ill and the Housebound: Especially Bruce Alexander, 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: Billie Bainbridge (age 5)

Collect

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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 I Samuel 8.4–11, 16–20

A reading from the first book of Samuel.

⁴ All the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah.
⁵ They said to him, 'You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations.'
⁶ But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, 'Give us a king to govern us.'
Samuel prayed to the LORD,
⁷ and the LORD said to Samuel, 'Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them.
⁸ Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you.
⁹ Now then, listen to their voice; only – you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them.'
¹⁰ So Samuel reported all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking him for a king.
¹¹ He said, 'These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots;
¹⁶ He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work.
¹⁷ He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves.
¹⁸ And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the LORD will not answer you in that day.'
¹⁹ But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, 'No! but we are determined to have a king over us,
²⁰ so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles.'

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 4.13 – 5.1

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

¹³ Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture – ‘I
¹⁴ believed, and so I spoke’ – we also believe, and so we speak,
¹⁵ because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with
Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence.
¹⁶ Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more
people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.
¹⁷ So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner
nature is being renewed day by day.
¹⁸ For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory
beyond all measure,
¹⁹ because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can
be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.
²⁰ For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from
God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

GOSPEL Mark 3.20–35

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

²⁰ The crowd came together again, so that Jesus and his companions could not even
eat.
²¹ When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying,
‘He has gone out of his mind.’
²² And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, ‘He has Beelzebul, and by the
ruler of the demons he casts out demons.’
²³ And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, ‘How can Satan cast out
Satan?
²⁴ If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.
²⁵ And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand.
²⁶ And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end
has come.
²⁷ But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first
tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.
²⁸ Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they
utter;
²⁹ but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is
guilty of an eternal sin’ –
³⁰ for they had said, ‘He has an unclean spirit.’
³¹ Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and
called him.
³² A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, ‘Your mother and your
brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.’
³³ And he replied, ‘Who are my mother and my brothers?’
³⁴ And looking at those who sat around him, he said, ‘Here are my mother and my
brothers!
³⁵ Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.’

THIS WEEK

Mon	11	June	Toddlers' Group	10.00 – 11.30am
			Service at River Court	3.00pm
Tue	12	June	Bible Study (Choir Vestry)	8.00pm
Wed	13	June	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
			Service at Home Manor	3.00pm
			Wedding Rehearsal	7.00pm
Thur	14	June	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			St Anthony's	morning
			Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
Fri	15	June	Wedding	2.00pm
Sun	17	June	<u>SECOND SUNDAY after TRINITY</u>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST (President: Fr Geoff)	9.30am
			Speaker from the Church Army	
			Baptism	3.00pm
			Six O'Clock Series – Healing Service	6.00pm

NOTICES

THE JACOBITE SYRIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH is seeking for a church in the Watford area for worship two Sundays a month. The Vicar and Churchwarden have agreed that they can use the church on the second and fourth Sundays for a trial period. Their second service at St Michael's is this afternoon from 1 pm to 5 pm.

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. Please get yours early.

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.

INDOOR STREET PARTY: 120 people attended and enjoyed this very special occasion. Donations were invited towards the cost of repairing the church's high gutters and £165 was given. We are very grateful to everyone who contributed.

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.