



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 2

17 June 2012

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist, Fr Geoff celebrates and we welcome Capt Edwin Bates who is the Evangelism Resource Officer for the South of England of the Church Army as our preacher. Graham Mordue leads the intercessions.

Hymns: 585, 406, 524 (i) and 591

Setting: Wilson

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

There is a Baptism at 3.00pm.

At 6pm tonight there is our monthly Six O’Clock Series which is a Healing Service.

For your prayers this week:

The Church:

The work of Church Army.

Parish of Knotting with Souldrop in our Diocese.

The work of USPG with the Church in the Philippines.

The Church of Nigeria, Most Revd Nicholas Okah, Metropolitan and Primate of All Nigeria.

The World:

All victims of flooding.

World refugee day (20th) and all refugees and displaced people.

All those affected by the Eurozone crisis.

The Community and Parish:

Residents and Staff at the Chase Care Centre.

The Littlebury Children’s Centre.

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:

Collect

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you.

Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING I Samuel 15.34 – 16.13

A reading from the first book of Samuel.

- ³⁴ Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul.
- ³⁵ Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the LORD was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel.
- ¹ The LORD said to Samuel, 'How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.'
- ² Samuel said, 'How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.' And the LORD said, 'Take a heifer with you, and say, "I have come to sacrifice to the LORD."
- ³ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.'
- ⁴ Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, 'Do you come peaceably?'
- ⁵ He said, 'Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.' And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.
- ⁶ When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the LORD.'
- ⁷ But the LORD said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.'
- ⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, 'Neither has the LORD chosen this one.'
- ⁹ Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, 'Neither has the LORD chosen this one.'
- ¹⁰ Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, 'The LORD has not chosen any of these.'
- ¹¹ Samuel said to Jesse, 'Are all your sons here?' And he said, 'There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.' And Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.'
- ¹² He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, 'Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.'
- ¹³ Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 5.6–10, 14–17

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians. Brothers and sisters,

⁶ we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord –

⁷ for we walk by faith, not by sight.

⁸ Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord.

⁹ So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.

¹⁰ For all of us must appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

¹⁴ The love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died.

¹⁵ And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way.

¹⁷ So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

GOSPEL Mark 4.26–34

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

Such a large crowd gathered around Jesus that he got into a boat and began to teach them using many parables.

²⁶ Jesus said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how.

²⁸ The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head.

²⁹ But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.'

³⁰ Jesus also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it?

³¹ It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth;

³² yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.'

³³ With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴ he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

THIS WEEK

Mon	18	June	Toddlers' Group	10.00 – 11.30am
			Intercessory Prayer group (Choir Vestry)	2.30pm
Tue	19	June	Chase Care Centre	2.30pm
Wed	20	June	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
Thur	21	June	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			attended by Mothers' Union	
			and followed by meeting in Choir Vestry	
			Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
Sun	24	June	<u>Birth of John the Baptist</u>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST (President and preacher Fr Geoff)	9.30am
			(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church	12 - 2.30pm)
			Animal Blessing Service	3.00pm
			Evening Prayer	6.00pm

NOTICES

FINAL COPY DATE FOR THE JULY SWORD is MIDDAY next Sunday, 24 June. Hard copy or floppy disc to Dennis Beach or email to dhbeach@sky.com.

SUNDAY 24 JUNE AT 3 pm Please note this is the Animal Blessing Service.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

WEDNESDAY 4TH JULY, 10.30am in Church – presentation by neighbourhood police team on protecting against distraction burglary, purse dipping, and rogue traders. Please tell your neighbours and aim to come. Coffee will be served.

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.

WEDNESDAY 25TH JULY, 7.55pm: for PCC members and anyone else interested – a special meeting with Geoff Fletcher, Diocesan Stewardship Officer.

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.

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.