



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 4

1 July 2012

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist, Fr George celebrates and preaches. Vicki Matthews leads the intercessions.

Hymns: 6 (i), 469, 601 and 372

Setting: Aston

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

Evening Prayer is at 6 pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: “Workplace Matters” Chaplains in our Diocese.

The Church of Pakistan, Samuel Azariah, its Moderator, and Bishop of Rawalpindi.

The Church in Ghana.

The World: Christian Aid trustees, staff, volunteers and supporters.

The work of Mothers’ Union with communities in Malawi.

The work of Church Army with young people on the streets.

The Community and Parish: Residents and Staff at River Court and Fairhaven homes.

Our PCC.

People vulnerable to crime.

The Ill and the Housebound: Especially Bruce Alexander, 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

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:
 increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal;
 grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord 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 2 Samuel 1.1, 17–27

A reading from the second book of Samuel.

- 1 After the death of Saul, when David had returned from defeating the Amalekites, David remained two days in Ziklag.
 17 David intoned this lamentation over Saul and his son Jonathan.
 18 (He ordered that The Song of the Bow be taught to the people of Judah; it is written in the Book of Jashar.) He said:
 19 Your glory, O Israel, lies slain upon your high places! How the mighty have fallen!
 20 Tell it not in Gath, proclaim it not in the streets of Ashkelon; or the daughters of the Philistines will rejoice, the daughters of the uncircumcised will exult.
 21 You mountains of Gilboa, let there be no dew or rain upon you, nor bounteous fields! For there the shield of the mighty was defiled, the shield of Saul, anointed with oil no more.
 22 From the blood of the slain, from the fat of the mighty, the bow of Jonathan did not turn back, nor the sword of Saul return empty.
 23 Saul and Jonathan, beloved and lovely! In life and in death they were not divided; they were swifter than eagles, they were stronger than lions.
 24 O daughters of Israel, weep over Saul, who clothed you with crimson, in luxury, who put ornaments of gold on your apparel.
 25 How the mighty have fallen in the midst of the battle! Jonathan lies slain upon your high places.
 26 I am distressed for you, my brother Jonathan; greatly beloved were you to me; your love to me was wonderful, passing the love of women.
 27 How the mighty have fallen, and the weapons of war perished!

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 8.7–15

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

- 7 You excel in everything – in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you – so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.
 8 I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others.
 9 For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.
 10 And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something –
 11 now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means.
 12 For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has – not according to what one does not have.

13 I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question
of a fair balance between
14 your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in
order that there may be a fair balance.
15 As it is written, 'The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little
did not have too little.'

GOSPEL Mark 5.21–43

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

21 When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around
him; and he was by the lake.
22 Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him,
23 fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, 'My little daughter is at the point of death. Come
and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.'
24 So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him.
25 Now there was a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years.
26 She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was
no better, but rather grew worse.
27 She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak,
28 for she said, 'If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.'
29 Immediately her haemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her
disease.
30 Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd
and said, 'Who touched my clothes?'
31 And his disciples said to him, 'You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say,
"Who touched me?"'
32 He looked all around to see who had done it.
33 But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down
before him, and told him the whole truth.
34 He said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your
disease.'
35 While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, 'Your
daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?'
36 But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, 'Do not fear, only
believe.'
37 He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James.
38 When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people
weeping and wailing loudly.
39 When he had entered, he said to them, 'Why do you make a commotion and weep? The
child is not dead but sleeping.'
40 And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and
mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was.
41 He took her by the hand and said to her, 'Talitha cum,' which means, 'Little girl, get up!'
42 And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At
this they were overcome with amazement.
43 He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something
to eat.

THIS WEEK

Mon	2	July	Toddlers' Group	10.00 – 11.30am
			Service at River Court	3.00pm
Tue	3	July	Social Committee (8 Cassiobury Park Ave)	7.45pm
Wed	4	July	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
			Presentation by neighbourhood police (see notices)	10.30am
			PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL	7.55pm
Thur	5	July	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			Fairhaven	morning
			Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
Fri	6	July	Mothers' Union Wave of Prayer (Lady Chapel)	<u>9.45am</u>
Sat	7	July	(Churches Together picnic)	
			Renewal of Marriage Vows	4.00pm
Sun	8	July	<u>TRINITY 5</u>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST (President: Fr Geoff; preacher: Violet Allen-Smith)	9.30am
			Simple Eucharist	11.15am
			LUNCHTIME BARBECUE (see notices below)	12.30pm
			(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church)	1-5 pm)
			Evening Prayer	6.00pm

NOTICES

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 and tea will be available.

LUNCHTIME BARBECUE 8 JULY 2012 – at 8 Cassiobury Park Avenue Tickets are £6 (including all food; bring your own drinks); children under 5 free. Tickets are available from any member of the Social Committee now. Please get yours TODAY.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

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. Cheese and wine will be served after the service. Please make every effort to attend this very special occasion for Fr Geoff and St Michael's.

WEDNESDAY 25TH JULY, 7.55pm: Special visit to the PCC of the Diocesan Stewardship Officer, Geoff Fletcher. Please would all PCC members make every effort to attend this important meeting together with any others of the congregation who can be available.