



# THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

*St Michael and All Angels*

Watford

TRINITY 5

8 July 2012

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist, Fr Geoff celebrates and Violet Allen-Smith preaches. John Adams leads the intercessions.

**Hymns: 606, 416 (i), 505 and 494**

**Setting: Aston**

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

The monthly 11.15 service this morning is a Simple Eucharist.

Parish Barbecue at 8 Cassiobury Park Avenue – from 12.30pm (see notices).

(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church using church 1-5 pm)

Evening Prayer is at 6 pm.

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## **For your prayers this week:**

**The Church:** The Parish of Little Staughton in our Diocese.  
The people of the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea and Joseph Kopapa, Archbishop.  
The Anglican Church in Barbados, and the work of USPG.  
Church Army Evangelists in Training.

**The World:** Troubled families using the Mothers' Union "Away >From It All" scheme.  
The work of Christian Aid with young people in Jamaica.

**The Community and Parish:** Congregation, family and friends at our Parish Barbecue.  
Residents and Staff at Home Manor and St Anthony's.  
Members of the RAF Association.

**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:** Anne Thunder, David Helliwell.

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**Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified:  
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**FIRST READING 2 Samuel 5.1–5, 9–10**

A reading from the second book of Samuel.

- <sup>1</sup> All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, 'Look, we are your bone and flesh.  
<sup>2</sup> For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The LORD said to you: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel.'  
<sup>3</sup> So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel.  
<sup>4</sup> David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years.  
<sup>5</sup> At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months; and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years.  
<sup>9</sup> David occupied the stronghold, and named it the city of David. David built the city all around from the Millo inward.  
<sup>10</sup> And David became greater and greater, for the LORD, the God of hosts, was with him.

**SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 12.2–10**

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

- <sup>2</sup> I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows.  
<sup>3</sup> And I know that such a person – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows –  
<sup>4</sup> was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat.  
<sup>5</sup> On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses.  
<sup>6</sup> But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me,

7 even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep  
me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan  
to torment me, to keep me from being too elated.  
8 Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me,  
9 but he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in  
weakness.' So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power  
of Christ may dwell in me.  
10 Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and  
calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

## **GOSPEL Mark 6.1–13**

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

1 Jesus came to his home town, and his disciples followed him.  
2 On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were  
astounded. They said, 'Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that  
has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands!  
3 Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas  
and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?' And they took offence at him.  
4 Then Jesus said to them, 'Prophets are not without honour, except in their home  
town, and among their own kin, and in their own house.'  
5 And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few  
sick people and cured them.  
6 And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages  
teaching.  
7 He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them  
authority over the unclean spirits.  
8 He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no  
bag, no money in their belts;  
9 but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics.  
10 He said to them, 'Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place.  
11 If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake  
off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.'  
12 So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent.  
13 They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured  
them.

## THIS WEEK

Mon	9	July	Toddlers' Group	10.00 – 11.30am
Wed	11	July	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
			Service at Home Manor	3.00pm
			Pause (134 Mildred Avenue)	7.30pm
Thur	12	July	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			St Anthony's	morning
			Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
Sun	15	July	<b><u>TRINITY 6</u></b>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff)	8.00am
			<b>SUNG EUCHARIST</b> (President and preacher: Fr Geoff;	9.30am
			<b>INDUCTION of Fr GEOFF as VICAR</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>
			by Archdeacon Jonathan Smith with Choral Evensong	
			followed by refreshments	

## NOTICES

TODAY (8 JULY) - LUNCHTIME BARBECUE – in the garden of 8 Cassiobury Park Avenue. All food provided - bring your own drinks. Please bring something to sit on if you can. The weather will not affect this plan. There will be gazebos but you may like to be prepared for rain.

NEXT SUNDAY: (15 JULY) 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.

DONATIONS FOR FLOWERS for Fr Geoff's induction will be welcomed by Fay Storey and Jean Alexander. There can be gift-aided if you use one of the white gift aid envelopes and mark it Flower Fund.

THE AGM OF CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CENTRAL, SOUTH AND WEST WATFORD will be held at St Luke's on 16 July at 7.30 pm. Please see the July Sword for full details.

### DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:

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.