



# THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

*St Michael and All Angels*

Watford

TRINITY 6

15 July 2012

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist, Fr Geoff celebrates and preaches. Paul Jenkins leads the intercessions.

**Hymns: 409, 536 (i), 444 and 445**

**Setting: Aston**

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

This evening at 6.30 pm we welcome the Ven Jonathan Smith, Archdeacon of St Albans for Choral Evensong and the Induction of Fr Geoff as Vicar of St Michaels. This will be followed by cheese and wine.

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

**The Church:** The ministers and people of the Parish of St Augustine, Limbury, Luton, in our Diocese.

The people of the Episcopal Church in the Phillipines and Edward Pacyaya Malecdon, Prime Bishop.

The USPG-supported St James Hospital in Lesotho.

**The World:** The work of Christian Aid partners in Jamaica.

The people of Syria.

All those involved in preparation for the Olympics.

**The Community and Parish:** Churches Together in Central, South and West Watford.

All those who exercise ministry in our parish.

All those preparing for Baptism and for Marriage.

**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:**

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**Collect**

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding:

pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 2 Samuel 6.1–5, 12b–19**

A reading from the second book of Samuel.

- <sup>1</sup> David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand.
- <sup>2</sup> David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the LORD of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim.
- <sup>3</sup> They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark.
- <sup>4</sup> David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the LORD with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals.
- <sup>5</sup> So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing;
- <sup>12</sup> and when those who bore the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling.
- <sup>14</sup> David danced before the LORD with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod.
- <sup>15</sup> So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.
- <sup>16</sup> As the ark of the LORD came into the city of David. Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart.
- <sup>17</sup> They brought in the ark of the LORD, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the LORD.
- <sup>18</sup> When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts,
- <sup>19</sup> and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

**SECOND READING Ephesians 1.3–14**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

- <sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,
- <sup>4</sup> just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love.
- <sup>5</sup> He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will,

6 to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.  
7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according  
8 to the riches of his grace  
9 that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight  
10 he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set  
11 forth in Christ,  
12 as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in Christ, things in heaven and things  
13 on earth.  
14 In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the  
15 purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will,  
16 so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his  
17 glory.  
18 In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had  
19 believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit;  
20 this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise  
21 of his glory.

## **GOSPEL Mark 6.14–29**

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

14 King Herod heard of the healings and other miracles, for Jesus' name had become known.  
Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason  
these powers are at work in him.'  
15 But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.'  
16 But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.'  
17 For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on  
account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her.  
18 For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.'  
19 And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not,  
20 for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him.  
When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him.  
21 But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and  
officers and for the leaders of Galilee.  
22 When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the  
king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.'  
23 And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my  
kingdom.'  
24 She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John  
the Baptist.'  
25 Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me at once the  
head of John the Baptizer on a platter.'  
26 The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not  
want to refuse her.  
27 Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went  
and beheaded him in the prison,  
28 brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother.  
29 When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

## THIS WEEK

Mon	16	July	Toddlers' Group	10.00 – 11.30am
Tue	17	July	Service at the Chase Care Centre	2.30pm
			Bible Study (St Paul) in Choir Vestry	8.00pm
Wed	18	July	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
Thur	19	July	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			attended by Mothers' Union and followed by a meeting in Choir Vestry	
			Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
Sun	22	July	<b><u>MARY MAGDALENE</u></b>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George)	8.00am
			<b>SUNG EUCHARIST</b> (President and preacher: Fr George;	9.30am
			(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church	12 – 2.30 pm)
			Baptism	3.00pm
			Evening Prayer	6.00pm

## **NOTICES**

**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.

**CHURCH BARBECUE**: Last Sunday over 50 of us enjoyed a lunchtime barbecue and raised £207 for church funds. We should like to thank Valerie and Brian O'Riordan who gave their garden for the occasion and spent a lot of time preparing it for an outdoor time when the weather could not be relied upon. We were lucky that the sun shone during the afternoon and the rain only came as we were getting ready in the morning and clearing up in the afternoon. Many thanks to the Social Committee and their friends for all the work they did before, during and after.

**EMMAUS**: Please give your completed form to Father Geoff as soon as you can so that he can start planning the Emmaus course. He will be happy to talk to you about the course if you have any queries.

**FINAL COPY DATE FOR THE AUGUST SWORD** is MIDDAY next Sunday, 22 July. Hard copy or floppy disc to Dennis Beach or email to dhbeach@sky.com.

### **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.