



# THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

*St Michael and All Angels*

Watford

TRINITY 8

Sunday 29 July 2012

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist, Fr Geoff celebrates and preaches. Phil Gough leads the intercessions. The service will include the Baptism of Nigel Parry-Jones.

**Hymns: 277, 286, 308 (i) and 455**

**Setting: Aston**

Tea and coffee will be served in church after the 9.30 service and there will be a Bring-&-Buy Sale – please stay on.

Evening Prayer in the Lady Chapel at 6.00pm.

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

**The Church:** The Scottish Episcopal Church, David Chillingworth, Primus, and its people.

The parish of Mill End and Heronsgate with West Hyde in our Diocese.

The Church Army's "Xplore" gap year programme.

The work of USPG with the church in Angola.

**The World:** People in Pakistan still recovering from flooding in 2010.

Visitors to Britain during the Olympics.

Victims of gun crime.

**The Community and Parish:** The residents and staff of Fairhaven residential home.

Nigel Parry-Jones being baptised today.

**The Ill and the Housebound:** Especially Bruce Alexander, Robert Caton. 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**

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul;  
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 11.1–15**

A reading from the second book of Samuel.

- 1 In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.
- 2 It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful.
- 3 David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, 'This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite.'
- 4 So David sent messengers to get her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house.
- 5 The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, 'I am pregnant.'
- 6 So David sent word to Joab, 'Send me Uriah the Hittite.' And Joab sent Uriah to David.
- 7 When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going.
- 8 Then David said to Uriah, 'Go down to your house, and wash your feet.' Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king.
- 9 But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house.
- 10 When they told David, 'Uriah did not go down to his house,' David said to Uriah, 'You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?'
- 11 Uriah said to David, 'The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing.'
- 12 Then David said to Uriah, 'Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back.' So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day,
- 13 David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house.
- 14 In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah.
- 15 In the letter he wrote, 'Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die.'

**SECOND READING Ephesians 3.14–21**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

14 I bow my knees before the Father,  
15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name.  
16 I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened  
in your inner being with power through his Spirit,  
17 and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and  
grounded in love.  
18 I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth  
and length and height and depth,  
19 and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all  
the fullness of God.  
20 Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more  
than all we can ask or imagine,  
21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

## **GOSPEL John 6.1-21**

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

1 Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias.  
2 A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick.  
3 Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples.  
4 Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near.  
5 When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where  
are we to buy bread for these people to eat?'  
6 He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do.  
7 Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to  
get a little.'  
8 One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Jesus,  
9 'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so  
many people?'  
10 Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so  
they sat down, about five thousand in all.  
11 Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who  
were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted.  
12 When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that  
nothing may be lost.'  
13 So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those  
who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets.  
14 When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the  
prophet who is to come into the world.'  
15 When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king,  
he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.  
16 When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake,  
17 got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had  
not yet come to them.  
18 The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing.  
19 When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and  
coming near the boat, and they were terrified.  
20 But he said to them, 'It is I; do not be afraid.'  
21 Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land  
towards which they were going.

## THIS WEEK

Mon	30	July	Toddlers' Group	10.00 – 11.30am
Tue	31	July	Intercessory Prayer Group (Choir Vestry)	2.30pm
Wed	1	Aug	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
Thur	2	Aug	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language) Fairhaven	10.00am morning
Sun	5	Aug	<b><u>TRANSFIGURATION</u></b> Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George 8.00am) <b>SUNG EUCHARIST</b> President: Fr Geoff; preacher Martin Heath Evening Prayer	  <b>9.30am</b>   <b>6.00pm</b>

## NOTICES

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.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

6 August           Pause at 7.30 pm at the Vicarage  
(Vicki Matthews or Fr Geoff)

20 August         Bible Study at 8 pm (Violet Allen Smith)

Everyone is very welcome to attend any of these groups. If you would like further information please ask the person named above.

