



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

THE TRANSFIGURATION

Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 5 August 2012

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist, Fr Geoff celebrates and Martin Heath preaches. Sylvia Moring leads the intercessions.

Hymns: 474, 248, 383 and 513

Setting: White (traditional words)

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

Evening Prayer in the Lady Chapel at 6.00pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Parish of Much Hadham in our Diocese.
The Church of the Province of South East Asia, John Chew, Archbishop.

The Anglican Church in Argentina.

The World: The people of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Peace between nuclear powers.

Prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS worldwide.

The Community and Parish: Residents and Staff at River Court, Home Manor and St Anthony's.

Our Mothers' Union members.

Our local RAF Association.

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:

Collect

Father in heaven,
whose Son Jesus Christ was wonderfully transfigured before chosen witnesses upon the holy mountain, and spoke of the exodus he would accomplish at Jerusalem:
give us strength so to hear his voice and bear our cross that in the world to come we may see him as he is; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Daniel 7.9–10, 13–14

A reading from the book of Daniel.

- ⁹ As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire.
- ¹⁰ A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousand served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgement, and the books were opened.
- ¹³ As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him.
- ¹⁴ To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

SECOND READING 2 Peter 1.16-19

A reading from the second letter of Peter.

¹⁶ We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty.

¹⁷ For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

¹⁸ We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹ So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

GOSPEL Luke 9.28b-36

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

²⁸ Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray.

²⁹ And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white.

³⁰ Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him.

³¹ They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

³² Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him.

³³ Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' Peter did not know what he said.

³⁴ While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud.

³⁵ Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!'

³⁶ When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

THIS WEEK

Mon	6	Aug	Toddlers' Group	10.00 – 11.30am
			River Court Service	3.00pm
			Pause meets at the Vicarage (see Notices)	7.30pm
Wed	8	Aug	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
			Service at Home Manor	3.00pm
Thur	9	Aug	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			St Anthony's	morning
Sun	12	Aug	<u>TRINITY 10</u>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST	9.30am
			President and preacher: Fr George	
			(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church)	1.00 – 5.00pm)
			Evening Prayer	6.00pm

NOTICES

PAUSE: on Monday night there will be a house communion in the new prayer room at the Vicarage, 7.30pm, all welcome.

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

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

11 September Intercessory Prayer Group at 2.30 pm (Valerie Alvarez)

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

BRING-&-BUY SALE: Last week this raised £49 for church funds. Thank you to all who supported this.