



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

11th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
Sunday 19 August 2012

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist, Fr Geoff celebrates and preaches. Valerie Alvarez leads the intercessions.

Hymns: 301, 385, 377 and 315 **Setting: White (traditional words)**

There will be a piano accompaniment by Kristine Jenkins.

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

Evening Prayer in the Lady Chapel at 6.00 pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Parish of All Saints Oxhey in our Diocese.
The Church of the Province of South Africa, Thabo Makgoba, Archbishop.

The Church of Pakistan, and its work for Peace.

The World: The People of Syria.

People living as refugees from drought, famine and flood.

Continued peace in Northern Ireland.

The Community and Parish: Our care for each other as a Church Family.

Parishes in vacancy in our Deanery.

All involved in local sport in Watford.

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

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:
mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure;
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 I Kings 2.10–12; 3.3–14

A reading from the first book of Kings.

- ¹⁰ David slept with his ancestors, and was buried in the city of David.
- ¹¹ The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem.
- ¹² So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established.
- ³ Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places.
- ⁴ The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt-offerings on that altar.
- ⁵ At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.'
- ⁶ And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today.
- ⁷ And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in.
- ⁸ And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted.
- ⁹ Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this.
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- ¹¹ God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right,

- ¹² I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.
- ¹³ I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honour all your life; no other king shall compare with you.
- ¹⁴ If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life.'

SECOND READING Ephesians 5.15–20

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians. Brothers and sisters,

- ¹⁵ be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise,
¹⁶ making the most of the time, because the days are evil.
¹⁷ So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.
¹⁸ Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit,
¹⁹ as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts,
²⁰ giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL John 6.51–58

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

- ⁵¹ 'I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'
- ⁵² The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?'
- ⁵³ So Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you.
- ⁵⁴ Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day;
⁵⁵ for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink.
⁵⁶ Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them.
⁵⁷ Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me.
⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.'

THIS WEEK

Mon	20	Aug	Toddlers' Group	10.00 – 11.30am
			Bible Study (Choir Vestry) (Violet Allen-Smith)	8.00pm
Tue	21	Aug	Service at the Chase Care Home	2.30pm
Wed	22	Aug	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
Thur	23	Aug	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
Sun	26	Aug	TRINITY 12	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST	9.30am
			President Fr Geoff and preacher Violet Allen-Smith	
			followed by Bring-&-Buy Sale	
			(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church	1.00 – 5.00pm)
			Evening Prayer	6.00pm

NOTICES

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

FINAL COPY DATE FOR THE SEPTEMBER SWORD is MIDDAY Sunday, 26 August. Hard copy or floppy disc to Dennis Beach or email to dhbeach@sky.com

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

20 August Bible Study (Choir Vestry) 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 the groups. If you would like further information please ask the person named above.

8 September 2012: Sponsored Bike 'n Hike Ride. Please see article in the August Sword. After spending so much time in front of the TV watching the Olympics, this is your opportunity to get some exercise by doing a sponsored bike ride or walk on 8 September. Phil Gough has more details. If you are able to welcome visitors to our church during the morning or afternoon please see Jannice Mordue or Sylvia Moring.