



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

14th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sunday 9 September 2012

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist, Fr Geoff celebrates and Jamie Wareham preaches. Graham Mordue leads the intercessions.

Hymns: 369, 534 (t424), 573 (i) and 267

Setting: Rawsthorne

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 and includes the baptism of Tabitha Florence Bates.

(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church

1.00 – 5.00 pm)

Evening Prayer in the Lady Chapel at 6.00 pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Parish of Ridge in our Diocese.
The Anglican Church of Tanzania, Valentino Mokiwa its Archbishop, and its People.

Church Army evangelists working in Schools.

The World: Pupils and staff beginning the new school year.

The people of Syria.

People coping with unemployment.

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

The schools in our Parish

Watford African Caribbean Association.

The Ill and the Housebound: Especially Bruce Alexander, Robert Caton. Peter Coley, Bill and Marion Craddock-Jones, Jean Crouch, Ben Heath, Jessie Hobby, Leena Hosie, Jenny Houghton, Trevor Hutchinson, Audrey and Harvey Jaquest, Mary Kearns, Lesley Kinch, Loretta Lynch, Jacqui Lyons, Maggie Maguire, Stella Nicholas, Faith Nkugwa, Dorcas Ochola, Brian O'Riordan, Helen Perry, Myrtle Powell, Christina and David Simon, Rosie Waite, Eric and Anne Wightman.

The Departed:

COLLECT

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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 Proverbs 22.1–2, 8–9, 22–23

A reading from the book of Proverbs.

- ¹ A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favour is better than silver or gold.
- ² The rich and the poor have this in common: the LORD is the maker of them all.
- ⁸ Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail.
- ⁹ Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor.
- ²² Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate;
- ²³ for the LORD pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them.

SECOND READING James 2.1–10, 14–17

A reading from the letter of James.

- ¹ My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ?
- ² For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in,
- ³ and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please,' while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there,' or, 'Sit at my feet,'
- ⁴ have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts?
- ⁵ Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him?
- ⁶ But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court?
- ⁷ Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?
- ⁸ You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.'
- ⁹ But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors.

- ¹⁰ For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.
- ¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you?
- ¹⁵ If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food,
- ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, ‘Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,’ and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that?
- ¹⁷ So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

GOSPEL Mark 7.24–37

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

- ²⁴ Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice,
- ²⁵ but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet.
- ²⁶ Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter.
- ²⁷ He said to her, ‘Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.’
- ²⁸ But she answered him, ‘Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.’
- ²⁹ Then he said to her, ‘For saying that, you may go – the demon has left your daughter.’
- ³⁰ So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.
- ³¹ Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis.
- ³² They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him.
- ³³ He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue.
- ³⁴ Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, ‘Ephphatha,’ that is, ‘Be opened.’
- ³⁵ And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly.
- ³⁶ Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it.
- ³⁷ They were astounded beyond measure, saying, ‘He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.’

THIS WEEK

Mon	10	Sep	Toddlers' Group	10.00 - 11.30am
Tue	11	Sep	Intercessory prayer Group (Choir Vestry)	2.30pm
Wed	12	Sep	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
			Service at Home Manor	3.00pm
Thur	13	Sep	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			St Anthony's	morning
			Choir Practice	7.00 - -8.30pm
Sat	15	Sep	RSCM Examinations (Choir Vestry)	9.00am- 1.00pm
			COFFEE MORNING in aid of the CHILDREN'S SOCIETY	10.30am – 12 noon
Sun	16	Sep	<u>TRINITY 15</u>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George)	
			SUNG EUCHARIST	9.30am
			President and preacher Fr George	
			SONGS OF PRAISE (see Notices)	6.00pm

NOTICES

EMMAUS – from the forms returned, the days and times which enable most people to take part are Monday afternoons and Tuesday evenings, so we will be running two parallel courses on those days.

There will be initial sessions on Monday 24th September, beginning with lunch at 1.00pm, and Tuesday 25th September beginning with supper at 7.00pm. Please bring some sandwiches or buffet-type food for whichever of these two sessions you wish to attend.

At these first sessions we will set future dates, timings, and see how we want to proceed. There is a form at the back to sign up for these initial sessions. There will not be sessions on 1st/2nd October, but please try to keep your chosen Monday Afternoon or Tuesday Evenings free from then if you can. Many apologies to those who cannot make either of these, it was impossible to fit everyone in.

ART EXHIBITION There will be an INSPIRE Art Exhibition in St Michael's from 8 – 22 September. The Church will be open at published times each day during this period. Normal service times will not be altered. Posters at back of church.

SIX O'CLOCK SERIES - 16 SEPTEMBER AT 6 PM: This service will take the form of a songs of praise followed by refreshments. We invite parishioners to suggest any hymns, readings or poems, that they would like to see included in this service. There is a list for your suggestions on the signings table at the west end.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

17 September Bible Study at 8 pm (Violet Allen Smith)

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