



# THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

*St Michael and All Angels*

Watford

15<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sunday 16 September 2012

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist, Fr George celebrates and preaches. John Adams leads the intercessions.

**Hymns: 380 (i), 617, 512 and 475**

**Setting: Rawsthorne**

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

Six O’Clock Series - Songs of Praise at 6.00 pm – favourite hymns, readings and poems followed by refreshments. All welcome.

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

**The Church:** The parish of Sacombe in our Diocese.  
The Church of the Province of Uganda, Henry Orombi, Archbishop.  
The work of USPG with the Anglican Church in Bolivia.

**The World:** Good relations between Muslim countries and Western countries.  
Those grieving for people lost in the Hillsborough disaster.  
Serving and former members of the RAF on Battle of Britain Sunday.

**The Community and Parish:** Our PCC’  
Churches Together in Central South and West Watford.  
Our organist, choir and Church musicians.

**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:** Gwendoline Aldridge, Joseph McEvoy.

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**COLLECT**

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love:

grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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 1.20–33**

A reading from the book of Proverbs.

<sup>20</sup> Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice.

<sup>21</sup> At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:

<sup>22</sup> 'How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge?

<sup>23</sup> Give heed to my reproof; I will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my words known to you.

<sup>24</sup> Because I have called and you refused, have stretched out my hand and no one heeded,

<sup>25</sup> and because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof, I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when panic strikes you,

<sup>26</sup> when panic strikes you like a storm, and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you.

<sup>27</sup> Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but will not find me.

<sup>28</sup> Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the LORD, would have none of my counsel, and despised all my reproof,

<sup>29</sup> therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way and be sated with their own devices.

<sup>30</sup> For waywardness kills the simple, and the complacency of fools destroys them;

<sup>31</sup> but those who listen to me will be secure and will live at ease, without dread of disaster.'

**SECOND READING James 3.1–12**

A reading from the letter of James.

<sup>1</sup> Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness.

<sup>2</sup> For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle.

<sup>3</sup> If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies.

4 Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them,  
yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs.  
5 So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a  
forest is set ablaze by a small fire!  
6 And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of  
iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on  
fire by hell.  
7 For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and  
has been tamed by the human species,  
8 but no one can tame the tongue – a restless evil, full of deadly poison.  
9 With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in  
the likeness of God.  
10 From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this  
ought not to be so.  
11 Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water?  
12 Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more  
can salt water yield fresh.

## **GOSPEL Mark 8.27–38**

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

27 Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way  
he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that I am?’  
28 And they answered him, ‘John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one  
of the prophets.’  
29 Jesus asked them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Peter answered him, ‘You are  
the Messiah.’  
30 And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.  
31 Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and  
be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after  
three days rise again.  
32 He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.  
33 But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, ‘Get behind me,  
Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.’  
34 He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, ‘If any want to become my  
followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.  
35 For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for  
my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.  
36 For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life?  
37 Indeed, what can they give in return for their life?  
38 Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful  
generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the  
glory of his Father with the holy angels.’

## THIS WEEK

Mon	17	Sep	Toddlers' Group	10.00 - 11.30am
			Bible Study (Choir Vestry)	8.00pm
Tue	18	Sep	Service at the Chase Care Centre	2.30pm
Wed	19	Sep	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
			<b>PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL</b>	7.55pm
Thur	20	Sep	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			attended by Mothers' Union.	
			Choir Practice	7.00 - -8.30pm
Sat	22	Sep	Wedding	2.00pm
			<i>End of Art Exhibition</i>	
Sun	23	Sep	<b>TRINITY 16</b>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff)	8.00am
			<b>SUNG EUCHARIST</b>	<b>9.30am</b>
			President Fr Geoff and preacher Martin Heath	
			Evening Prayer in Lady Chapel	6.00pm

## NOTICES

EMMAUS – The days for the Emmaus Course will be Monday Afternoons and Tuesday Evenings, with no sessions in the first week of the month. They will begin at the Vicarage on Monday 24th September 1.00pm, and Tuesday 25th September 7.00pm, when we will arrange a full set of dates. All those who are following the Emmaus course with us, please sign on the list at the back (it's not too late to join in), and come along with sandwiches/buffet food for one of these first meetings.

WATFORD SCHOOLS TRUST are celebrating their 20th year today at 3pm at St Luke's Church. Everyone welcome.

HARVEST SUPPER at Trinity Methodist Church is on Monday 8th October 7.00pm for 7.15pm, cost £5.00, please sign the list at the back so we can tell them numbers.

FINAL COPY DATE FOR THE OCTOBER SWORD is MIDDAY Sunday, 23 September. Hard copy or floppy disc to Dennis Beach or email to dhbeach@sky.com

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.

REVD PROF LINZEY'S, the foremost Animal Theologian, is preaching at evensong at St Albans Abbey on 30<sup>th</sup> September at 6.30pm (not 23<sup>rd</sup> as mentioned in Sword).

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

6 October at 7.30 pm – Quiz Night in aid of the Church Repair Fund. Tickets available from Iola Bilson are £10 including a Ploughman's Supper.

14 October at 9.30 pm – St Michael's will be celebrating Harvest Festival at the 9.30 service. See article on page 17 of the September *Sword* for more information.