



# THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

*St Michael and All Angels*

Watford

TRINITY 18

Sunday 7 October 2012

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist, Fr Geoff celebrates and preaches. Pat Beach leads the intercessions.

**Hymns: 166, 487, 505 and 496**

**Setting: Wilson**

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.

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

**The Church:** St Paul's Church in St Albans, in our Diocese.  
The Church of the Province of W Africa, Most Revd Dr Justice Akrofi, Archbishop, and its people.  
The Royal School of Church Music.

**The World:** Peace and reconstruction in Sri Lanka.  
Those who inspire us with music, arts and crafts.  
All efforts to help people recover from alcohol, drug, and other substance abuse.

**The Community and Parish:** Residents and Staff at Home Manor and St Anthony's.  
Pupils and staff at Chater Infants School.  
Trinity Methodist Church and West Watford Free Church.

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

**The Departed:**

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**Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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 Job 1.1; 2.1–10**

A reading from the book of Job.

- <sup>1</sup> There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil.
- <sup>1</sup> One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the LORD.
- <sup>2</sup> The LORD said to Satan, 'Where have you come from?' Satan answered the LORD, 'From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it.'
- <sup>3</sup> The LORD said to Satan, 'Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil. He still persists in his integrity, although you incited me against him, to destroy him for no reason.'
- <sup>4</sup> Then Satan answered the LORD, 'Skin for skin! All that people have they will give to save their lives.
- <sup>5</sup> But stretch out your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face.'
- <sup>6</sup> The LORD said to Satan, 'Very well, he is in your power; only spare his life.'
- <sup>7</sup> So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD, and inflicted loathsome sores on Job from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head.
- <sup>8</sup> Job took a potsherd with which to scrape himself, and sat among the ashes.
- <sup>9</sup> Then his wife said to him, 'Do you still persist in your integrity? Curse God, and die.'
- <sup>10</sup> But he said to her, 'You speak as any foolish woman would speak. Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?' In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

**SECOND READING Hebrews 1.1–4; 2.5–12**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

- <sup>1</sup> Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets,
- <sup>2</sup> but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds.
- <sup>3</sup> He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,
- <sup>4</sup> having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

5 Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to  
angels.  
6 But someone has testified somewhere, 'What are human beings that you are  
mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them?  
7 You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned  
them with glory and honour,  
8 subjecting all things under their feet.' Now in subjecting all things to them, God left  
nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection  
to them,  
9 but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now  
crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the  
grace of God he might taste death for everyone.  
10 It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing  
many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through  
sufferings.  
11 For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For  
this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters,  
12 saying, 'I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the  
congregation I will praise you.'

## **GOSPEL Mark 10.2-16**

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

2 Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, 'Is it lawful for a man to divorce  
his wife?'  
3 He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?'  
4 They said, 'Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce  
her.'  
5 But Jesus said to them, 'Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this  
commandment for you.  
6 But from the beginning of creation, "God made them male and female."  
7 "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife,  
8 and the two shall become one flesh." So they are no longer two, but one flesh.  
9 Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.'  
10 Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter.  
11 Jesus said to them, 'Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits  
adultery against her;  
12 and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.'  
13 People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and  
the disciples spoke sternly to them.  
14 But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children  
come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God  
belongs.  
15 Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will  
never enter it.'  
16 And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

## THIS WEEK

Mon	8	Oct	Toddlers' Group	10.00 - 11.30am
			Emmaus Course (Vicarage)	1.00pm
			(Harvest Supper at Trinity Methodist	7 for 7.15pm)
Tue	9	Oct	Emmaus Course (Vicarage)	7.00pm
Wed	10	Oct	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
			Service at Home Manor	3.00pm
Thur	11	Oct	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			Deanery Synod at St Laurence's, Abbots Langley	?7.00 pm
			Choir Practice	7.00 - -8.30pm
Sun	14	Oct	<b><u>TRINITY 19 – HARVEST THANKSGIVING</u></b>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George)	8.00am
			<b>SUNG EUCHARIST</b>	<b>9.30am</b>
			President and preacher Fr Geoff (Sunday School)	
			Service of Thanksgiving and Praise (Harvest)	11.15am
			(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church	<b>1.00 – 7.00pm)</b>
			NO Evening Prayer	

## NOTICES

HARVEST THANKSGIVING AT ST MICHAEL'S: Harvest will be celebrated at 9.30 and 11.15 am on Sunday next, 14 October. Church members are invited to bring dry goods which will be given to the Watford and Three Rivers Refugee Project (see suggestions in this month's Sword and on posters round the church). Church members may prefer to give cash donations to Christian Aid for which envelopes are available with this Messenger.

EMMAUS – The days for the Emmaus Courses are Monday Afternoons (starting at 1 pm) and Tuesday Evenings (starting at 7 pm), with no sessions in the first week of the month. Each group has had its first session and the next meetings will be on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> October in the Vicarage. . All those who are following the Emmaus course with us (it's not too late to join in) come along with sandwiches/buffet food for the next meeting.

THE SEPTEMBER BRING-&-BUY raised £39. Many thanks.

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 or see the Vicar if you wish to attend so we can tell them numbers.

### DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

17 November from 11.00 am to 2.30 pm St Michael's CHRISTMAS FAIR – please keep this date free and come to the Fair. Read the article about the Fair in the October Sword and sign the list on the signings table if you are able to help in any way. Thank you.