



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 20

Sunday 21 October 2012

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist, Fr Geoff celebrates and Doug Loveridge (Hospital Chaplain) preaches. Martin Matthews leads the intercessions.

Hymns: 546, 461, 398 and 372

Setting: Wilson

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

The Six O’Clock Series this evening is a Celtic Service.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Parish of St Andrew and St George, Stevenage, in our Diocese.

The Church of Ceylon, its bishops, ministers and people.

The Anglican Church in Myanmar (Burma).

The World: Understanding and peace between people of different faiths.

Victims of human trafficking.

People struggling with rising fuel prices.

The Community and Parish: Brownies making their promise this week.

Churches and other organisations using our Halls and Church.

All who come along to our Wednesday Coffee Morning.

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:

COLLECT

God, the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church:
by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ and make us eager
to do your will, that we may share with the whole creation the joys of
eternal life;
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 38.1–7

A reading from the book of Job.

- 1 The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:
- 2 'Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?
- 3 Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me.
- 4 Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding.
- 5 Who determined its measurements – surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it?
- 6 On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone
- 7 when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

SECOND READING Hebrews 5.1–10

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

- 1 Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins.
- 2 He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness;
- 3 and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people.
- 4 And one does not presume to take this honour, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.
- 5 So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, 'You are my Son, today I have begotten you';
- 6 as he says also in another place, 'You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.'

7 In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud
cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he
was heard because of his reverent submission.
8 Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered;
9 and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for
all who obey him,
10 having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of
Melchizedek.

GOSPEL Mark 10.35–45

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

35 James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to
him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.'
36 And he said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?'
37 And they said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at
your left, in your glory.'
38 But Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you
able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am
baptized with?'
39 They replied, 'We are able.' Then Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I drink
you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be
baptized;
40 but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for
those for whom it has been prepared.'
41 When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John.
42 So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles
those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great
ones are tyrants over them.
43 But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among
you must be your servant,
44 and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all.
45 For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a
ransom for many.'

THIS WEEK

Mon	22	Oct	Toddlers' Group	10.00 - 11.30am
			Bible Study (Choir Vestry)	8.00pm
			NO Emmaus Course	
Tue	23	Oct	NO Emmaus Course	
Wed	24	Oct	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
			Finance & General Purposes Committee (Vicarage)	8.00pm
Thur	25	Oct	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			Pause (134 Mildred Avenue)	7.30pm
			Choir Practice	7.00 - -8.30pm
Sat	27	Oct	<i>British Summer Time ends – put clocks back one hour tonight</i>	
Sun	28	Oct	<u>St Simon & St Jude</u>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST President and preacher: Fr George	9.30am
			followed by Bring-&-Buy Sale	
			(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church	1.00 – 5.00pm)
			Evening Prayer in Lady Chapel	6.00pm

NOTICES

FINAL COPY DATE FOR THE NOVEMBER SWORD is MIDDAY today, Sunday, 21 October. Hard copy or floppy disc to Dennis Beach or email to dhbeach@sky.com

FREE SCHOOL MEALS for every child in poverty. Please sign The Children's Society's petition if you agree with this. Copies on the Signings table at the west end and at the Mildred Avenue door.

CHRISTIAN AID ENVELOPES at last week's Harvest raised £182.02 including £94 which was Gift Aided.. Further envelopes can still be sent to Christian Aid. Thank you.

EMMAUS –The next meetings will be on 29th and 30th October in the Vicarage. . It's not too late to join in come along with sandwiches/buffet food for the next meeting.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

TODAY is the last occasion when St Mary's Watford will be open from 12 noon to 5 pm for people to see their Flower Festival. St Michael's has contributed to this Festival – do support the occasion if you can.

Thursday, 1 November, the Chantry List will be read during the 10 o'clock service of Holy Communion.

Sunday, 4 November: The annual Memorial Service will be at 9.30 am.

Saturday, 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. Signatures are beginning to appear on the list on the signings table indicating offers of help – is yours there?