



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

EPIPHANY 3

20 January 2013

We wish you a warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Sung Eucharist, Fr George celebrates and preaches. Graham Mordue leads the intercessions.

Hymns: 90(i), 191, 581(ii) and 612

Setting: Wilson

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

WPCU United Service at North Bushey Baptist Church at 6.30pm.

NO Evening Service here.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: Christian Unity.

The Parish of Barkway, Reed and Buckland in our Diocese.

The Diocese of Liberia, the Rt Revd Jonathan Bau-Bau Bonaparte Hart, its Bishop and all its people.

The World: The safety of people travelling by road, rail and air.

All those affected by severe weather.

Protection of people from violence and extremism.

The Community and Parish: Our fellow Christians at Trinity Methodist Church and West Watford Free Church.

Our friends of Churches Together in Central, South and West Watford.

Churches Together in Britain and Ireland and the World Council of Churches.

The Ill and the Housebound: Especially Bruce Alexander, Jean and Robert Caton.

Peter Coley, Bill and Marion Craddock-Jones, Jean Crouch, Ben Heath, Jessie Hobby, Jenny Houghton, Trevor Hutchinson, Audrey and Harvey Jaquest, Mary Kearns, Lesley Kinch, Loretta Lynch, Jacqui Lyons, Maggie Maguire, Dorcas Ochola, Brian O'Riordan, Helen Perry, Myrtle Powell, Christina and David Simon, Eric and Anne Wightman.

The Departed: Beryl Hinchey; Natasha Jane Garlish (age 29).

Collect

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence:

renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power;

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 Isaiah 62.1–5

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The LORD says this:

- 1 For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch.
- 2 The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give.
- 3 You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
- 4 You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married.
- 5 For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

SECOND READING I Corinthians 12.1–11

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

- 1 Concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed.
- 2 You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak.
- 3 Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit.
- 4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit;
- 5 and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord;

- 6 and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.
- 7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.
- 8 To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit,
- 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit,
- 10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.
- 11 All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

GOSPEL John 2.1-11

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

- 1 There was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there.
- 2 Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding.
- 3 When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.'
- 4 And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.'
- 5 His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.'
- 6 Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons.
- 7 Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim.
- 8 He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it.
- 9 When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him,
- 10 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.'
- 11 Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

THIS WEEK

Mon	21	Jan	Toddlers' Group	10.00 - 11.30am
			Emmaus Course (Vicarage)	1.00pm
Tue	22	Jan	Funeral of Natasha Jane Garlish	12 noon
			Intercessory Prayer Group (Choir Vestry)	2.30pm
			(Open meeting of Deanery Synod (see Notices)	7.45 for 8.00pm)
			NO Emmaus Course	
Wed	23	Jan	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
			(WPCU Service at St Mary's	12.30pm)
Thu	24	Jan	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
Sat	26	Jan	Baptism	2.00pm
Sun	27	Jan	<u>EPIPHANY 4</u>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST: President: Fr Geoff	9.30am
			Preacher: Steve Bolton about Food Bank	
			followed by Bring-&-Buy Sale	
			(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church	1.00-5.00pm)
			Evening Prayer in Lady Chapel	6.00pm

NOTICES

OPEN MEETING OF WATFORD DEANERY SYNOD, Tuesday night, 7.45pm for 8.00pm at St Matthew's Church Oxhey at which Bishop Alan will introduce "2020 vision". All welcome, please tell Fr Geoff if you would like to go.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: United Service tonight at North Bushey Baptist Church – 6.30pm: Lunchtime Service at St Mary's Wednesday 23rd January – 12.30pm

SWORD SUBSCRIPTIONS for 2013 are now due. Valerie Alvarez has kindly agreed to collect subscriptions for the coming year. The cost of Sword is 60p per month. If you pay for the year in advance an annual subscription for 12 issues will be £6.00, thus giving you 12 issues for the price of 10! If you don't subscribe at present and would like to take out a new annual subscription, please see Dennis Beach.

EMMAUS –The next meeting will be tomorrow 21st (no meeting on Tuesday) in the Vicarage. It's not too late to join in come along (with sandwiches/buffet food) for the next meeting.

FINAL COPY DATE FOR THE FEBRUARY SWORD is MIDDAY today Sunday, 20 January. Hard copy to Dennis Beach or email to dhbeach@sky.com.

GIVING ENVELOPES FOR 2013 are on a table in the north aisle. Please collect yours. If you wish to join the envelope giving scheme please see Valerie Alvarez.

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