



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

PENTECOST
19 May 2013

A warm welcome to our services today.

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

Hymns: 175(i), 189(ii), 179 and 183

Setting: Rawsthorne

Coffee and tea will be served in church after the 9.30 service and there will be a Bring-&-Buy Sale – please stay on.

At 6.00pm. there is a service in the Six O’Clock series.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The parish of Hertingfordbury in our Diocese.

The Dioceses of North Dakota and South Dakota, Michael Smith and John Tarrant, their Bishops and all their people.
Christians in Pakistan.

The World: All those struggling with debt.

Dementia awareness, care and treatment.
People who care for dementia sufferers.

The Community and Parish: Members of Watford Deanery Synod.

Participants in Watford Celebration 2013.
Our “Big Lunch”.

The Ill and the Housebound: Especially Bruce Alexander, Janet Bridge, Jean and Robert Caton. Peter Coley, Bill and Marion Craddock-Jones, Jean Crouch, Pamela Cutler, Ben Heath, Jessie Hobby, Jenny Houghton, Audrey Jaquest, Mary Kearns, Lesley Kinch, Loretta Lynch, Jacqui Lyons, Maggie Maguire, Audrey Morgan, Sylvia Moring, Dorcas Ochola, Mark Pritchard, Brian O’Riordan, Helen Perry, Myrtle Powell, Christina and David Simon, Douglas Taylor, Anne Wightman and Andrew Williams.

The Departed:

Collect

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:
grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Acts 2.1–21

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

- ¹ When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.
² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.
³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.
⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.
⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem.
⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in their native language.
⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?
⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?
⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,
¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,
¹¹ Cretans and Arabs – in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.'
¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?'
¹³ But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'
¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.
¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning.
¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:
¹⁷ "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.
¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

- ¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
- ²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
- ²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

SECOND READING Romans 8.14–17

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

- ¹⁴ All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.
- ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’
- ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God,
- ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ – if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

GOSPEL John 14.8–17

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

- ⁸ Philip said to Jesus, ‘Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.’
- ⁹ Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, “Show us the Father”?’
- ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works.
- ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves.
- ¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father.
- ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.
- ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.
- ¹⁵ If you love me, you will keep my commandments.
- ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever.
- ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.
- ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.’

THIS WEEK

Mon	20	May	Toddlers' Group	10.00 – 11.30am
Tue	21	May	Service at the Chase Care Centre	2.30pm
Wed	22	May	Coffee in Church (Deanery Synod at St Michael's)	10.30am-12 noon
Thur	23	May	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language) Choir Practice	10.00am 7.00 – 8.30pm
Sun	26	May	<u>TRINITY SUNDAY</u> Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff) (NO 9.30am service) SPECIAL SUNG EUCHARIST to celebrate the 50 th Anniversary of the Independence of Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago (President: Fr Geoff; Preacher: the Revd Grace Sentamu-Baverstock) 10.30am (Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church) 1.00-5.00pm Evening Prayer 6.00pm	8.00am

NOTICES

CENTENARY CONCERT to be given by Lise Christensen and Michael Bracegirdle on 31 May 2013 in St Michael's. Music from opera and musical theatre. Finger buffet served after the music. Tickets £10. Get them from Iola Bilson or Father Geoff.

Please note that there will be NO MORNING SERVICE between 15 May and 6 June.

VOLUNTEERS needed to serve tea, coffee and biscuits for Deanery Synod at St Michael's on 22 May from 7.30 – 8 pm.

THE WATFORD AFRICAN CARIBBEAN ASSOCIATION will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Independence of Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago with a special service **next Sunday 26th May at 10.30am** followed by refreshments. **There will not be a 9.30am service on that day.**

THE BIG LUNCH: 2 June 2013, 12 noon to 2.00pm in St Michael's. Do you remember our Inside Street Party held last year when over 100 people from West Watford enjoyed a bring-and-share-lunch in church to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee? Nationally there has been an activity called The Big Lunch for several years, when people are invited to get together in their communities, and enjoy a picnic-type lunch and get to know one another. After the success of last year, St Michael's is inviting friends and neighbours to join in such an occasion again to celebrate the Church Centenary (inside the church building so the weather won't matter!). Bring some food to share plus your own drinks. Plates, cutlery and glasses provided. Please let Fr Geoff know if you are coming.

WATFORD'S CELEBRATIONS 2013 is being held in Church, Multi-Cultural Centre and Littlebury Hall on Bank Holiday Monday 27th May from 11am to 5pm.