



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY SUNDAY

26 May 2013

A warm welcome to our services today.

There is a special Eucharist this morning at 10.30am in conjunction with The Watford African Caribbean Association to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Independence of Jamaica and Trinidad & Tobago. There is a special service book for this which contains the hymns.

Fr Geoff celebrates, the Revd Grace Sentamu-Baverstock preaches and Valerie Alvarez leads the intercessions.

The service will be followed by refreshments – please stay on.

(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church 1.00 – 5.00pm)

Evening Prayer is at 6.00pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church:

The Parish of Hockerill in our Diocese.

The Diocese of North West Australia, David Mulready, its Bishop, and all its people.

The Anglican Church in Zambia.

The Churches of Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago.

The World:

Those who protect us from terrorism.

The peoples of Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago.

The Community and Parish:

The Watford African Caribbean Association.

The 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

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; 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 8.1–4, 22–31

A reading from the book of Proverbs.

Thus says the wisdom of God:

- 1 Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice?
2 On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand;
3 beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out:
4 ‘To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live.
22 The LORD created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago.
23 Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth.
24 When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water.
25 Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth
—
26 when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world’s first bits of soil.
27 When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
28 when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep,
29 when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
30 then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always,
31 rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.’

SECOND READING Romans 5.1–5

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

- ¹ Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
² through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.
³ And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance,
⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,
⁵ and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

GOSPEL John 16.12–15

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

Jesus said to his disciples:

- ¹² 'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.
¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.
¹⁴ He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you.
¹⁵ All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.'

THIS WEEK

Mon	27	May	<i>Bank Holiday</i>	
			NO Toddlers' Group	
			WATFORD CELEBRATIONS 2013	11.00am-5.00pm
Wed	29	May	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
Thur	30	May	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
Fri	31	May	CENTENARY CONCERT (see Notice below)	7.30pm
Sun	2	Jun	<u>TRINITY 1</u>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST (President and Preacher: Fr George)	9.30am
			THE BIG LUNCH (See Notices below)	12noon – 2.00pm
			Evening Prayer	6.00pm

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.

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.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES: It is the time of year when these are emptied and the collection sent to the Society. If you have one please bring it in to Norma Twitchin to be emptied.

FOOD BANK: There is a list of the items of food that can be included in the food parcels that are given out and if you would like to donate any of these items please bring them to church and put them in the box at the west end.