



THE MESSENGER

Special commemorative edition for the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 1
2 June 2013

A warm welcome to our services on this special day.

It is the 60th Anniversary of the Queen's Coronation and we are also celebrating **St Michael's Centenary** with **THE BIG LUNCH** today **12 noon to 2pm** (see Notices on back page for more details).

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

Hymns: 369, 497, 555 and 437(t362)

Setting: Wilson

Coffee and tea will be served in church after the 9.30 service – please stay on.

At 6.30pm there is a joint evening service at Trinity Methodist Church.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: We pray for hospice chaplains in our Diocese.
The Anglican Centre in Rome.

The World: The Anglican Church in the Phillipines.
Racial Harmony in our Country.

Those who defend us against Terrorism.
Sufferers from Motor Neurone Disease.

The Community and Parish: Residents and Staff at River Court and Fairhaven.
Our PCC.

Couples preparing for marriage.

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

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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 I Kings 18:20–21, 30–39

A reading from the first book of Kings.

- ²⁰ Ahab sent to all the Israelites, and assembled the prophets at Mount Carmel.
- ²¹ Elijah then came near to all the people, and said, 'How long will you go limping with two different opinions? If the LORD is God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him.' The people did not answer him a word.
- ³⁰ Then Elijah said to all the people, 'Come closer to me'; and all the people came closer to him. First he repaired the altar of the LORD that had been thrown down;
- ³¹ Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, to whom the word of the LORD came, saying, 'Israel shall be your name';
- ³² with the stones he built an altar in the name of the LORD. Then he made a trench around the altar, large enough to contain two measures of seed.
- ³³ Next he put the wood in order, cut the bull in pieces, and laid it on the wood. He said, 'Fill four jars with water and pour it on the burnt-offering and on the wood.'
- ³⁴ Then he said, 'Do it a second time'; and they did it a second time. Again he said, 'Do it a third time'; and they did it a third time,
- ³⁵ so that the water ran all around the altar, and filled the trench also with water.
- ³⁶ At the time of the offering of the oblation, the prophet Elijah came near and said, 'O LORD, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that you are God in Israel, that I am your servant, and that I have done all these things at your bidding.
- ³⁷ Answer me, O LORD, answer me, so that this people may know that you, O LORD, are God, and that you have turned their hearts back.'
- ³⁸ Then the fire of the LORD fell and consumed the burnt-offering, the wood, the stones, and the dust, and even licked up the water that was in the trench.
- ³⁹ When all the people saw it, they fell on their faces and said, 'The LORD indeed is God; the LORD indeed is God.'

SECOND READING Galatians 1.1–12

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Galatians.

1 From Paul an apostle – sent neither by human commission nor from human
authorities, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the
dead –
2 and all the members of God’s family who are with me, To the churches of Galatia:
3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ,
4 who gave himself for our sins to set us free from the present evil age, according to
the will of our God and Father,
5 to whom be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.
6 I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you in the
grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel –
7 not that there is another gospel, but there are some who are confusing you and
want to pervert the gospel of Christ.
8 But even if we or an angel from heaven should proclaim to you a gospel contrary to
what we proclaimed to you, let that one be accursed!
9 As we have said before, so now I repeat, if anyone proclaims to you a gospel
contrary to what you received, let that one be accursed!
10 Am I now seeking human approval, or God’s approval? Or am I trying to please
people? If I were still pleasing people, I would not be a servant of Christ.
11 For I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel that was proclaimed
by me is not of human origin;
12 for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it
through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

GOSEL Luke 7.1b–10

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

1 Jesus entered Capernaum.
2 A centurion there had a slave whom he valued highly, and who was ill and close to
death.
3 When he heard about Jesus, he sent some Jewish elders to him, asking him to come
and heal his slave.
4 When they came to Jesus, they appealed to him earnestly, saying, ‘He is worthy of
having you do this for him,
5 for he loves our people, and it is he who built our synagogue for us.’
6 And Jesus went with them, but when he was not far from the house, the centurion
sent friends to say to him, ‘Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to
have you come under my roof;
7 therefore I did not presume to come to you. But only speak the word, and let my
servant be healed.
8 For I also am a man set under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one,
“Go,” and he goes, and to another, “Come,” and he comes, and to my slave, “Do
this,” and the slave does it.’
9 When Jesus heard this he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd that
followed him, he said, ‘I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith.’
10 When those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the slave in
good health.

`THIS WEEK

Mon	3	Jun	Toddlers' Group	10.00 – 11.30am
			Service at River Court	3.00pm
Wed	5	Jun	Coffee in Church. Food Bank distribution	10.30am-12 noon
			(Wedding rehearsal)	7.00pm)
Thur	6	Jun	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			Fairhaven	morning
			Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
Sat	8	Jun	Wedding	1.30pm
Sun	9	Jun	<u>TRINITY 2</u>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST (President and Preacher: Fr Geoff)	9.30am
			Service of Thanksgiving and Praise	11.15am
			Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church	1.00-5.00pm
			Evening Prayer	6.00pm

NOTICES

TODAY - THE BIG LUNCH: 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.

NEXT SUNDAY, 9 June, will be the start of a trial of a new arrangement for the placing of the altar, chairs and choir for Sunday morning worship. There is a diagram of this in the north aisle and an article in the June Sword.

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

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.