



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 2

9 June 2013

A warm welcome to our services today.

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

Hymns: 214 (t546), 347, 301, 282 and 455

Setting: Wilson

Coffee and tea will be served in church after the 9.30 service and this is followed by the 11.15 service of Praise and Thanksgiving – 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 All Saints Kempston in our Diocese.
The Diocese of Norwich, its Bishop and People.
Christians in the Middle East.

The World: Peace in Syria.
All who care for dementia sufferers.
Sufferers from diabetes.

The Community and Parish: Residents and Staff at Home Manor and St Anthony's.
Our supported charities.
Our friends in the Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church.

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

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you.

Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING I Kings 17.8–16

A reading from the first book of Kings.

- 8 The word of the LORD came to Elijah, saying,
9 'Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.'
10 So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, 'Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.'
11 As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, 'Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.'
12 But she said, 'As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.'
13 Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son.
14 For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth.'
15 She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days.
16 The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

SECOND READING Galatians 1.11–24

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Galatians.

- 11 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.
13 You have heard, no doubt, of my earlier life in Judaism. I was violently
persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it.
14 I advanced in Judaism beyond many among my people of the same age, for I
was far more zealous for the traditions of my ancestors.
15 But when God, who had set me apart before I was born and called me
through his grace, was pleased
16 to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the Gentiles, I
did not confer with any human being,
17 nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were already apostles before me,
but I went away at once into Arabia, and afterwards I returned to
Damascus.
18 Then after three years I did go up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and stayed
with him fifteen days;
19 but I did not see any other apostle except James the Lord's brother.
20 In what I am writing to you, before God, I do not lie!
21 Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia,
22 and I was still unknown by sight to the churches of Judea that are in Christ;
23 they only heard it said, 'The one who formerly was persecuting us is now
proclaiming the faith he once tried to destroy.'
24 And they glorified God because of me.

GOSPEL Luke 7.11-17

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

11 Jesus went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went
with him.
12 As he approached the gate of the town, a man who had died was being
carried out. He was his mother's only son, and she was a widow; and with
her was a large crowd from the town.
13 When the Lord saw her, he had compassion for her and said to her, 'Do
not weep.'
14 Then he came forward and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still.
And he said, 'Young man, I say to you, rise!'
15 The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother.
16 Fear seized all of them; and they glorified God, saying, 'A great prophet has
risen among us!' and 'God has looked favourably on his people!'
17 This word about him spread throughout Judea and all the surrounding
country.

THIS WEEK

Mon	10	Jun	Toddlers' Group	10.00 – 11.30am
Tue	11	Jun	Pause at 134 Mildred Avenue	7.30pm
Wed	12	Jun	Coffee in Church. Food Bank distribution	10.30am-12 noon
			Service at Home Manor	3.00pm
Thur	13	Jun	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			Service at St Anthony's	11.00am
			Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
Sun	16	Jun	<u>TRINITY 3</u>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST (President and Preacher: Fr Geoff)	9.30am
			Animal Welfare Service	3.00pm
			SIX O'CLOCK SERIES	6.00pm

NOTICES

THIS 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.

THE CENTENARY CONCERT was a very enjoyable occasion on 31 May. We thank Lise Christensen and Michael Bracegirdle for performing and Oliver Gooch for accompanying. Thank you to the Social Committee for providing the finger buffet. The evening raised £480 for Church funds for which we are very grateful.

THE BIG LUNCH AT St MICHAEL'S: Nearly 100 people sat at a long table filling the central nave for the Big Lunch last Sunday, 2 June. The bring-&-share food was plentiful and full of variety and we particularly enjoyed the contributions from our friends from the Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church. After the food we enjoyed a community sing song accompanied on the piano by Kristine Jenkins. Many thanks to all involved with the organisation and particularly to those who helped return the furniture to the correct positions.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES: If you still 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.