



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 5
30 June 2013

A warm welcome to our services today.

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

Hymns: 305, 425, 601, 185 and 470

Setting: Wilson

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

Evening Prayer is at 6.00 pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Parish of Linslade in our Diocese.
The Diocese of Oklahoma, Edward Konieczny its Bishop and all its people.

The work of the Church in Interfaith dialogue.

The World: Healthcare provision in poorer countries.

People affected by flooding in India.

Treatment of Sickle Cell Anaemia.

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

The care and maintenance of our building.

The Watford Interfaith Association.

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, Audrey Dixon, Ben Heath, Jessie Hobby, Jenny Houghton, Audrey Jaquest, Mary Kearns, Lesley Kinch, Loretta Lynch, Jacqui Lyons, Maggie Maguire, Audrey Morgan, Dorcas Ochola, Brian O’Riordan, Helen Perry, Myrtle Powell, Mark Pritchard, Christina and David Simon, Mark Simon, Douglas Taylor, Anne Wightman and Andrew Williams.

The Departed:

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified:

hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING 2 Kings 2.1–2, 6–14

A reading from the second book of Kings.

- ¹ When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal.
- ² Elijah said to Elisha, ‘Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.’ But Elisha said, ‘As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.’ So they went down to Bethel.
- ⁶ Then Elijah said to him, ‘Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.’ But Elisha said, ‘As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.’ So the two of them went on.
- ⁷ Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan.
- ⁸ Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.
- ⁹ When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, ‘Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.’ Elisha said, ‘Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.’
- ¹⁰ He responded, ‘You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.’
- ¹¹ As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven.
- ¹² Elisha kept watching and crying out, ‘Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!’ But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.
- ¹³ He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan.
- ¹⁴ He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, ‘Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?’ When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

SECOND READING Galatians 5.1, 13–25

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Galatians.

- ¹ For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

¹³ For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another.

¹⁴ For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.'

¹⁵ If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

¹⁶ Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh.

¹⁷ For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want.

¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law.

¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²² By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness,

²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.

²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

GOSPEL Luke 9.51–62

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

⁵¹ When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem.

⁵² And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him;

⁵³ but they did not receive him, because his face was set towards Jerusalem.

⁵⁴ When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, 'Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?'

⁵⁵ But he turned and rebuked them.

⁵⁶ Then they went on to another village.

⁵⁷ As they were going along the road, someone said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.'

⁵⁸ And Jesus said to him, 'Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.'

⁵⁹ To another Jesus said, 'Follow me.' But he said, 'Lord, first let me go and bury my father.'

⁶⁰ But Jesus said to him, 'Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.'

⁶¹ Another said, 'I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.'

⁶² Jesus said to him, 'No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

THIS WEEK

Mon	1	July	Toddlers' Group	10.00 – 11.30am
			Service at River Court	3.00pm
			Estates Committee (Choir Vestry)	7.45pm
Wed	3	July	Coffee in Church. Food Bank distribution	10.30am-12 noon
			Eucharist to celebrate Fr Geoff's 25th Anniversary of Ordination to Priesthood (followed by refreshments)	7.30pm
Thur	4	July	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			Fairhaven	11.00am
			Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
Sun	7	July	<u>TRINITY 6</u>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST	9.30am
			(President and Preacher: Fr Geoff)	
			Joint Service at St Michael's	6.00pm

NOTICES

ON WEDNESDAY 3rd JULY I will be celebrating the 25th Anniversary of my ordination to the Priesthood. There will be a eucharist at 7.30 pm, followed by refreshments. I would like to invite all members of the St Michael's congregation. Please sign the list at the back of church if you are able to come, so that we can gauge numbers. Fr Geoff.

TODAY and NEXT SUNDAY there will be questionnaires available for members of the congregation to give their feedback on the trial of the new arrangement for the placing of the altar, chairs and choir for Sunday morning worship.

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.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES: If you still have one please bring it in to Norma Twitchin to be emptied. Final request please.