



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 7
14 July 2013

A warm welcome to our services today.

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

Hymns: 619, 528, 540(i) and 621

Setting: Aston

Coffee and tea will be served in church after the 9.30 service and this is followed by the 11.15 service which is a Simple Eucharist – please stay on.

(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church from 1.00 – 5.00pm)

There is a Evening Prayer at 6.00 pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Parish of St Anne with St Christopher in Luton.
The Diocese of Osun North East (Ibadan, Nigeria): Humphrey Olumakaiye its Bishop, and all its People.
The work of Us (USPG) in promoting health care and supporting mission hospitals.

The World: Victims of natural, accidental and man-made disasters across the world.
People in need of organ transplants.
Events taking place today for Disability Awareness Day.

The Community and Parish: Residents and Staff at the Chase Care Centre.
Our PCC, Churchwardens, and Parish Officers.
The work of the Peace Hospice.

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

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all
goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
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 Amos 7.7–17

A reading from the book of the prophet Amos.

- 7 This is what the LORD showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a
plumb-line, with a plumb-line in his hand.
- 8 And the LORD said to me, ‘Amos, what do you see?’ And I said, ‘A plumb-line.’ Then
the Lord said, ‘See, I am setting a plumb-line in the midst of my people Israel; I will
never again pass them by;
- 9 the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid
waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.’
- 10 Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, ‘Amos has
conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to
bear all his words.
- 11 For thus Amos has said, “Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile
away from his land.”
- 12 And Amaziah said to Amos, ‘O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread
there, and prophesy there;
- 13 but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the
kingdom.’
- 14 Then Amos answered Amaziah, ‘I am no prophet, nor a prophet’s son; but I am a
herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees,
- 15 and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, “Go,
prophesy to my people Israel.”
- 16 Now therefore hear the word of the LORD. You say, “Do not prophesy against Israel,
and do not preach against the house of Isaac.”
- 17 Therefore thus says the LORD: “Your wife shall become a prostitute in the city, and
your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword, and your land shall be parcelled
out by line; you yourself shall die in an unclean land, and Israel shall surely go into exile
away from its land.”

SECOND READING Colossians 1.1–14

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

- 1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,
2 To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and
peace from God our Father.
- 3 In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
4 for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the
saints,

5 because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in
the word of the truth,
6 the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole
world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly
comprehended the grace of God.
7 This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow-servant. He is a faithful minister of
Christ on your behalf,
8 and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.
9 For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and
asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and
understanding,
10 so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in
every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God.
11 May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and
may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully
12 giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the
saints in the light.
13 He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of
his beloved Son,
14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

GOSPEL Luke 10.25–37

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

25 A lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal
life?'
26 He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?'
27 He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your
soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.'
28 And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.'
29 But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?'
30 Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands
of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead.
31 Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by
on the other side.
32 So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other
side.
33 But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved
with pity.
34 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then
he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.
35 The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care
of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend."
36 Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands
of the robbers?'
37 He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

THIS WEEK

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| Mon | 15 | July | Toddlers' Group | 10.00 – 11.30am |
| Tue | 16 | July | Service at the Chase Care Centre | 2.30pm |
| | | | Pause (Vicarage) | 7.30pm |
| Wed | 17 | July | Coffee in Church. Food Bank distribution | 10.30am-12 noon |
| | | | PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (Choir Vestry) | 7.55pm |
| Thur | 18 | July | Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language) | 10.00am |
| | | | Choir Practice | 7.00 – 8.30pm |
| | | | Social Committee (Choir Vestry) | 8.30pm |
| Sun | 21 | July | TRINITY 8 | |
| | | | Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George) | 8.00am |
| | | | SUNG EUCHARIST | 9.30am |
| | | | (President and Preacher: Fr George) | |
| | | | SIX O'CLOCK SERIES | 6.00pm |

NOTICES

A QUIET DAY has been arranged for 21st September at Edgware Abbey. The cost will be £5, take your own lunch. There is a sign up sheet at the back of church.

FINAL COPY DATE FOR THE AUGUST SWORD is MIDDAY next Sunday, 21 July. Hard copy or floppy disc to Dennis Beach or email to dhbeach@sky.com.

THERE ARE 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.

REQUEST FOR HELP WITH PUBLICITY: A display of photos, articles, memorabilia is planned for the Centenary. Would anyone with possible display material please contact Kristine Jenkins. She would also like some volunteers to help with the actual display.

VOLUNTEERS also wanted to help to provide a display of the repair work needed for St Michael's as required by the Quinquennial Report. Please contact Kristine if you can help with this.

VOLUNTEERS ARE ALSO NEEDED for people to form part of an editorial committee for the preparation of our monthly parish magazine *Sword*. If you are interested in this important activity, please see Fr Geoff.

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.

HARVEST FESTIVAL will be on Sunday 13 October at 10.30am. It will be a Sung Eucharist and there will not be services at 9.30 or 11.15.