



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 8
21 July 2013

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist Fr George celebrates and preaches and Vicki Matthews leads the intercessions.

Hymns: 558, 510, 305, 291(i) and 386

Setting: Aston

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

SIX O'CLOCK SERIES service at 6.00 pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Parish of Holy Trinity Lyonsdown, in our Diocese.
The Diocese of Pennsylvania (USA), Charles Bennisson its Bishop,
and all its People.

The Anglican Church in Angola.

The World: People vulnerable to the present hot weather.
The people of Greece, Syria, Egypt, and all places of unrest.
The treatment and care of Lung Cancer sufferers.

The Community and Parish: The Revd Duncan Campbell and the People of
Christchurch and St Mark's.

The Inland Waterways Festival in Cassiobury Park.

Our elected representatives in Parliament, and County and Borough
Councils.

The Ill and the Housebound: Especially Bruce Alexander, Janet Bridge, Revd
Duncan Campbell, 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: Julie Snell.

Collect

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments;

that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul;

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 Amos 8.1–12

A reading from the book of the prophet Amos.

¹ This is what the Lord GOD showed me – a basket of summer fruit.

² He said, ‘Amos, what do you see?’ And I said, ‘A basket of summer fruit.’ Then the LORD said to me, ‘The end has come upon my people Israel; I will never again pass them by.

³ The songs of the temple shall become wailings in that day,’ says the Lord GOD; ‘the dead bodies shall be many, cast out in every place. Be silent!’

⁴ Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land,
⁵ saying, ‘When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practise deceit with false balances,

⁶ buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat.’

⁷ The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

⁸ Shall not the land tremble on this account, and everyone mourn who lives in it, and all of it rise like the Nile, and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt?

⁹ On that day, says the Lord GOD, I will make the sun go down at noon, and darken the earth in broad daylight.

¹⁰ I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; I will bring sackcloth on all loins, and baldness on every head; I will make it like the mourning for an only son, and the end of it like a bitter day.

¹¹ The time is surely coming, says the Lord GOD, when I will send a famine on the land; not a famine of bread, or a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD.

¹² They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the LORD, but they shall not find it.

SECOND READING Colossians 1.15–28

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

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¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him.
¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.
¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything.
¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.
²¹ And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds,
²² he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him –
²³ provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.
²⁴ I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church.
²⁵ I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known,
²⁶ the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints.
²⁷ To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.
²⁸ It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

GOSPEL Luke 10.38–42

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

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³⁹ She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying.
⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to Jesus and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.'
⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things;
⁴² there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

THIS WEEK

Mon	22	July	Toddlers' Group	10.00 – 11.30am
Tue	23	July	Intercessory Prayer Group (6 Cassiobury Park Avenue)	2.30pm
Wed	24	July	Coffee in Church. Food Bank distribution	10.30am-12 noon
Thur	25	July	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
Sun	28	July	<u>TRINITY 9</u>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST	9.30am
			(President and Preacher: Fr Geoff)	
			followed by Bring-&-Buy Sale	
			Evening prayer	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 today 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.