



# THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

*St Michael and All Angels*

Watford

**TRINITY 9**  
**28 July 2013**

A warm welcome to our services today.

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

**Hymns: 492, 428, 366 and 598(i)**

**Setting: Aston**

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

(The Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church  
Evening Prayer is at 6.00 pm.

1.00 - 5.00pm)

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## **For your prayers this week:**

### **The Church:**

The parish of Meppershal in our Diocese.

The Diocese of Phulbani in N. India, Bijay Navak its Bishop and all its people.

The work of Us (USPG) with Churches in Britain and Ireland.

### **The World:**

The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge and their new baby, Prince George of Cambridge.

Victims of the train crash in Northern Spain and their families.

Victims of Road Traffic Accidents.

Sufferers and Carriers of Hepatitis.

### **The Community and Parish:**

The residents and staff of Fairhaven care home.

Members of our Church family on holiday.

Carers for ill and infirm people at home.

### **The Ill and the Housebound:**

Especially Bruce Alexander, Janet Bridge, Revd Duncan Campbell, Jean and Robert Caton, Tony Coles, 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:**

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**Collect**

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church:

open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace;

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.

**OT READING Hosea 1.2–10**

(Not read)

- <sup>2</sup> *When the LORD first spoke through Hosea, the LORD said to Hosea, 'Go, take for yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the LORD.'*
- <sup>3</sup> *So he went and took Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son.*
- <sup>4</sup> *And the LORD said to him, 'Name him Jezreel; for in a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel. On that day I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel.'*
- <sup>5</sup> *She conceived again and bore a daughter. Then the LORD said to him, 'Name her Lo-ruhamah, for I will no longer have pity on the house of Israel or forgive them.*
- <sup>6</sup> *But I will have pity on the house of Judah, and I will save them by the LORD their God; I will not save them by bow, or by sword, or by war, or by horses, or by horsemen.'*
- <sup>7</sup> *When she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived and bore a son.*
- <sup>8</sup> *Then the LORD said, 'Name him Lo-ammi, for you are not my people and I am not your God.'*
- <sup>9</sup> *Yet the number of the people of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which can be neither measured nor numbered; and in the place where it was said to them, 'You are not my people,' it shall be said to them, 'Children of the living God.'*

**NT READING Colossians 2.6–15**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

Brothers and sisters,

- <sup>6</sup> as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him,
- <sup>7</sup> rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.
- <sup>8</sup> See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ.
- <sup>9</sup> For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily,
- <sup>10</sup> and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority.

<sup>11</sup> In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ;  
<sup>12</sup> when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.  
<sup>13</sup> And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses,  
<sup>14</sup> erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross.  
<sup>15</sup> He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

## **GOSPEL Luke 11.1–13**

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

<sup>1</sup> Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, ‘Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.’  
<sup>2</sup> He said to them, ‘When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come.  
<sup>3</sup> Give us each day our daily bread.  
<sup>4</sup> And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.’  
<sup>5</sup> And he said to them, ‘Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, “Friend, lend me three loaves of bread;  
<sup>6</sup> for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.”  
<sup>7</sup> And he answers from within, “Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.”  
<sup>8</sup> I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.  
<sup>9</sup> So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.  
<sup>10</sup> For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.  
<sup>11</sup> Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish?  
<sup>12</sup> Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion?  
<sup>13</sup> If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!’

## THIS WEEK

Mon	29	July	Toddlers' Group	10.00 – 11.30am
Wed	31	July	Coffee in Church. Food Bank distribution	10.30am-12 noon
Thur	1	Aug	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language) Fairhaven	10.00am morning
Sun	4	Aug	<b><u>TRINITY 10</u></b> Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George) <b>SUNG EUCHARIST</b> (President: Fr Geoff and Preacher: Martin Heath) Baptism Joint Service at Trinity Methodist	<b>9.30am</b>    2.00pm 6.30pm

## NOTICES

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

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.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

14 SEPTEMBER	Heritage Open Day	Sponsored	Bike'n'Hike
	Coffee Morning in aid of The Children's Society		
28 SEPTEMBER	Organ Recital	given by Andy Benoy	7 pm
29 SEPTEMBER	Michaelmas		

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.