



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 10

4 August 2013

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist Fr Geoff celebrates, Martin Heath preaches and John Adams leads the intercessions.

Hymns: 442 (t418), 617, 393, 309 and 530

Setting: White

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

At 2.00 pm there is a Baptism.

There is a joint Evening Service at Trinity Methodist Church at 6.30 pm..

For your prayers this week:

The Church:

The Parish of Moggerhanger in our Diocese.

The Diocese of Pretoria (South Africa), Johannes Seoka its Bishop, and all its people.

The work of Us (USPG) with the Church in Zambia.

The World:

Victims of human trafficking.

Peace and Justice in Zimbabwe after elections.

Work towards peace in the Middle East.

The Community and Parish: Residents and Staff at River Court and St Anthony's.

The Multicultural Community Centre.

West Watford Community Association.

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:

Collect

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you;

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 Hosea 11.1–11

A reading from the book of the prophet Hosea.

Hear the word of the LORD, O people.

¹ When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.

² The more I called them, the more they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals, and offering incense to idols.

³ Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took them up in my arms; but they did not know that I healed them.

⁴ I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them.

⁵ They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me.

⁶ The sword rages in their cities, it consumes their oracle-priests, and devours because of their schemes.

⁷ My people are bent on turning away from me. To the Most High they call, but he does not raise them up at all.

⁸ How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender.

⁹ I will not execute my fierce anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and no mortal, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath.

¹⁰ They shall go after the LORD, who roars like a lion; when he roars, his children shall come trembling from the west.

¹¹ They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt, and like doves from the land of Assyria; and I will return them to their homes, says the LORD.

SECOND READING Colossians 3.1–11

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

¹ If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth,

3 for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.
4 When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with
him in glory.
5 Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity,
passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry).
6 On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient.
7 These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life.
8 But now you must get rid of all such things – anger, wrath, malice, slander, and
abusive language from your mouth.
9 Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its
practices
10 and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in
knowledge according to the image of its creator.
11 In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and
uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

GOSPEL Luke 12.13–21

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

13 Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, ‘Teacher, tell my brother to divide the
family inheritance with me.’
14 But he said to him, ‘Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?’
15 And he said to the crowd, ‘Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of
greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.’
16 Then he told them a parable: ‘The land of a rich man produced abundantly.
17 And he thought to himself, “What should I do, for I have no place to store my
crops?”
18 Then he said, “I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones,
and there I will store all my grain and my goods.
19 And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years;
relax, eat, drink, be merry.’”
20 But God said to him, “You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of
you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?”
21 So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich
towards God.’

THIS WEEK

Mon	5	Aug	Toddlers' Group Service at River Court	10.00 – 11.30am 3.00pm
Wed	7	Aug	Coffee in Church. Food Bank distribution	10.30am-12 noon
Thur	8	Aug	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language) St Anthony's	10.00am morning
Sun	11	Aug	<u>TRINITY 11</u> Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff) SUNG EUCHARIST (President and Preacher: Fr Geoff) (Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church) Evening Prayer	8.00am 9.30am 1.00 – 5.00pm 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.

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.

SEPTEMBER ORGAN RECITAL: Please note that the date of Andy's organ recital has been changed to FRIDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER, AT 7 PM.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

14 SEPTEMBER	Heritage Open Day	Sponsored	Bike'n'Hike
	Coffee Morning in aid of The Children's Society		
27 SEPTEMBER	Organ Recital	given by Andrew 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.