



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 11
11 August 2013

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist Fr Geoff celebrates and preaches and Paul Chandler leads the intercessions.

Hymns: 4, 268, 165, 581(ii) and 548

Setting: White

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

(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church

1.00 – 5.00pm)

Evening Service at 6.00 pm..

For your prayers this week:

The Church:

The Parish of Northaw and Cuffey in our Diocese.

The Diocese of Rayalaseema (S.India), Kommaddi Birru Yesuvaraprasad its bishop, and all its people.

The Anglican Church in Bangladesh.

The World:

The work of A & E Departments.

Children waiting for adoption, and the work of adoption charities.

Young people looking for employment..

The Community and Parish: Residents and staff at Home Manor.

All chaplains in our town.

All our supported charities.

The Ill and the Household: 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

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure;
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 Isaiah 1.1, 10–20

(Not read)

- ¹ *The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.*
- ¹⁰ *Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah!*
- ¹¹ *What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the LORD; I have had enough of burnt-offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats.*
- ¹² *When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more;*
- ¹³ *bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation – I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity.*
- ¹⁴ *Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them.*
- ¹⁵ *When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood.*
- ¹⁶ *Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil,*
- ¹⁷ *learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow.*
- ¹⁸ *Come now, let us argue it out, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.*
- ¹⁹ *If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land;*
- ²⁰ *but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.*

NT READING Hebrews 11.1–3, 8–16

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

- ¹ Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.
- ² Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval.

3 By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that
what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

8 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to
receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going.

9 By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land,
living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise.

10 For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder
is God.

11 By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old – and Sarah
herself was barren – because he considered him faithful who had promised.

12 Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born,
'as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the
seashore.'

13 All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance
they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and
foreigners on the earth,

14 for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland.

15 If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had
opportunity to return.

16 But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is
not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

GOSPEL Luke 12.32–40

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

Jesus said to his disciples,

32 'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the
kingdom.

33 Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear
out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth
destroys.

34 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

35 Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit;

36 be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet,
so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks.

37 Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell
you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and
serve them.

38 If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed
are those slaves.

39 But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was
coming, he would not have let his house be broken into.

40 You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

THIS WEEK

Mon	12	Aug	Toddlers' Group	10.00 – 11.30am
Wed	14	Aug	Coffee in Church. Food Bank distribution	10.30am-12 noon
			Service at Home Manor	3.00pm
Thur	15	Aug	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
Sun	18	Aug	<u>TRINITY 12</u>	
			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.

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.

JULY BRING-&-BUY SALE raised £44.50. Thank you for your support.

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.