



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 12
18 August 2013

A warm welcome to our services today.

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

Hymns: 626, 217, 545, 302(i)/244(i) and 423(i)

Setting: White

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

A Six O'Clock Series Service is at 6.00 pm..

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Parish of Old Warden in our Diocese, its clergy and people.
The Diocese of Rio de Janeiro, Filadelfo Oliviera Neto, its Bishop and its people.

The work of Us (USPG) supporting Churches in Sri Lanka.

The World: The people of Egypt, for peace, justice and stability.

Negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians.

Young people who've just received their A level results.

The Community and Parish: Residents and Staff at the Chase Care Centre.

Our churchwardens and parish officers.

Our organist, choir and musicians.

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, 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: Maggie Maguire

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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 Isaiah 5.1–7

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

- ¹ Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.
- ² He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watch-tower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.
- ³ And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard.
- ⁴ What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?
- ⁵ And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.
- ⁶ I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.
- ⁷ For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

SECOND READING Hebrews 11.29 – 12.2

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

- ²⁹ By faith the people passed of Israel through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned.
- ³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days.
- ³¹ By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.
- ³² And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets –
- ³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions,

34 quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of
weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight.
35 Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to
accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection.
36 Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment.
37 They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword;
they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented –
38 of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and
in caves and holes in the ground.
39 Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what
was promised,
40 since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be
made perfect.
1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay
aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with
perseverance the race that is set before us,
2 looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy
that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his
seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

GOSPEL Luke 12.49–56

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

Jesus said to his disciples:

49 'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled!
50 I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is
completed!
51 Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but
rather division!
52 From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two
against three;
53 they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against
daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'
54 He also said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you
immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so it happens.
55 And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat";
and it happens.
56 You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but
why do you not know how to interpret the present time?'

THIS WEEK

Mon	19	Aug	Toddlers' Group	10.00 – 11.30am
Tue	20	Aug	Service at The Chase Care Centre	2.30pm
			Pause (134 Mildred Ave)	7.30pm
Wed	21	Aug	Coffee in Church. Food Bank distribution	10.30am-12 noon
Thur	22	Aug	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
Sun	25	Aug	<u>TRINITY 13</u>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST	9.30am
			(President: Fr Geoff and Preacher: Violet Allen-Smith)	
			followed by a Bring-&-Buy Sale	
			(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church	1.00 - 5.00pm)
			Evening Prayer	6.00pm
			Wedding Rehearsal	7.00pm
Mon	26	Aug	<i>Bank Holiday</i>	
			NO Toddlers' Group	
			Wedding of David Benoy and Fay Knight	12.30pm

NOTICES

MANY CONGRATULATIONS to Valerie and Brian O'Riordan who are celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary this weekend.

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 SEPTEMBER SWORD is MIDDAY next Sunday, 25 August. Hard copy or floppy disc to Dennis Beach or email to dhbeach@sky.com.

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.

MAGGIE MAGUIRE: There will be a service of celebration of Maggie's life at 3.30 pm on Thursday 29 August here in St Michael's. All welcome.

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		
13 OCTOBER	Harvest Festival will be at 10.30am. It will be a Sung Eucharist and there will not be services at 9.30 or 11.15.		

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