



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 13

25 August 2013

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist Fr Geoff celebrates, Violet Allen-Smith preaches and Vicki Matthews leads the intercessions. The service will include the Baptism of Fr George's grandchildren, Blessing and Jenny.

Hymns: 555, 504, 424, 324 and 563

Setting: White

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

(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church	1.00 - 5.00pm)
Evening Prayer	6.00pm
(Wedding Rehearsal	7.00pm).

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The parish of Podington with Farndish in our Diocese.
The Diocese of Ruaha in Tanzania, Joseph Mgomi its Bishop and all its people.
The Anglican Church in Zimbabwe.

The World: Young people who have just received their GCSE results.
The people of Syria.
The work of maternity units.

The Community and Parish: Children who are part of our church family.
Couples preparing for marriage here.
Our servers.

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, 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:

Collect

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:

help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you;

through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Jeremiah 1.4–10

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

- 4 The word of the LORD came to me saying,
5 ‘Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.’
6 Then I said, ‘Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.’
7 But the LORD said to me, ‘Do not say, “I am only a boy”; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you,
8 Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD.’
9 Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, ‘Now I have put my words in your mouth.
10 See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.’

SECOND READING Hebrews 12.18–29

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

- 18 You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom,
19 and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them.
20 (For they could not endure the order that was given, ‘If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.’)
21 Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, ‘I tremble with fear.’)
22 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering,
23 and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,

- 24 and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.
- 25 See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven!
- 26 At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, 'Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.'
- 27 This phrase, 'Yet once more,' indicates the removal of what is shaken – that is, created things – so that what cannot be shaken may remain.
- 28 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe;
- 29 for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

GOSPEL Luke 13.10–17

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

- 10 Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath.
- 11 And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight.
- 12 When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, 'Woman, you are set free from your ailment.'
- 13 When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God.
- 14 But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, 'There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.'
- 15 But the Lord answered him and said, 'You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water?
- 16 And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?'
- 17 When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

THIS WEEK

Mon	26	Aug	<i>Bank Holiday</i> NO Toddlers' Group Wedding of David Benoy and Fay Knight	12.30pm
Tue	27	Aug	Publicity Committee (6 Cassiobury Park Ave)	7.30pm
Wed	28	Aug	Coffee in Church. Food Bank distribution	10.30am-12 noon
Thur	29	Aug	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language) Celebration for the life of Maggie Maguire – all welcome	10.00am 3.30pm
Sun	1	Sep	TRINITY 14 Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George) SUNG EUCHARIST (President and Preacher: Fr Geoff) Evening Prayer	8.00am 9.30am 6.00pm

NOTICES

MANY CONGRATULATIONS to Violet Allen-Smith who is celebrating a special birthday today. The family invite you to stay on for refreshments after the 9.30 service.

FINAL COPY DATE FOR THE SEPTEMBER SWORD is MIDDAY today Sunday, 25 August. Hard copy or floppy disc to Dennis Beach or email to dhbeach@sky.com.

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.

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

14 SEPTEMBER	Heritage Open Day	Sponsored Bike'n'Hike
	Coffee Morning in aid of The Children's Society	
	RSCM Exams	
27 SEPTEMBER	Organ Recital given by Andrew Benoy	7 pm (<i>please note that the date has been changed from the 28th to Friday, 27th.</i>)
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.	