



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 15
8 September 2013

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist Fr Geoff celebrates and Jamie Wareham preaches and Sylvia Moring leads the intercessions.

Hymns: 401, 416(i), 538, 439 and 393

Setting: Rawsthorne

Tea and coffee will be served in church after the 9.30 service – please stay on.

Service of Praise and Thanksgiving at 11.15am.

(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church 1.00 – 5.00pm)

Evening Service at 6.00pm

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Local Ecumenical Project between Anglicans and Methodists at Rickmansworth and the people involved in running it.

The work of The Children's Society particularly with teenagers in inner cities.

Success of the Historic Churches Preservation Trust Bike'n'Hike Ride next Saturday.

The World: For wisdom in the discussions by world leaders at the G.20 Summit in St Petersburg.

For people in Egypt and Syria who are living in danger.

For the many people involved in the car accident in Kent when the fog contributed to the collision of 100 vehicles.

The Community and Parish: We pray for our local councillors.

Residents and Staff at St Anthony's.

Young people starting courses at college and universities.

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, Anne Wightman and Andrew Williams.

The Departed:

COLLECT

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love:

grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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 Jeremiah 18.1–11

(Not Read)

¹ *The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD:*

² *'Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words.'*

³ *So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel.*

⁴ *The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.*

⁵ *Then the word of the LORD came to me:*

⁶ *Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the LORD. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel.*

⁷ *At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it,*

⁸ *but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it.*

⁹ *And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it,*

¹⁰ *but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it.*

¹¹ *Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the LORD: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.*

NT READING Philemon 1–21

A reading from the letter of Paul to Philemon.

¹ Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker,

² to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house:

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God

⁵ because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus.

⁶ I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ.

7 I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the
hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.
8 For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your
duty,
9 yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love – and I, Paul, do this as an old
man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus.
10 I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during
my imprisonment.
11 Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to
me.
12 I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you.
13 I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place
during my imprisonment for the gospel;
14 but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed
might be voluntary and not something forced.
15 Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might
have him back for ever,
16 no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother – especially to me but
how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.
17 So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me.
18 If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account.
19 I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your
owing me even your own self.
20 Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in
Christ.
21 Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even
more than I say.

GOSPEL Luke 14.25–33

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

25 Large crowds were travelling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them,
26 ‘Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children,
brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple.
27 Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.
28 For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate
the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it?
29 Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will
begin to ridicule him,
30 saying, “This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.”
31 Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first
and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes
against him with twenty thousand?
32 If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks
for the terms of peace.
33 So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your
possessions.’

THIS WEEK

Mon	9	Sep	Toddlers' Group	10.00 – 11.30am
Tue	10	Sep	Intercessory Prayer Group (Choir Vestry)	2.30pm
Wed	11	Sep	Coffee in Church. Food Bank distribution	10.30am-12 noon
			Home Manor	3.00pm
			Students arrive from Melbourne, Australia	
Thur	12	Sep	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			St Anthony's	morning
			Choir practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
Sat	14	Sep	St Michael's open for HERITAGE OPEN DAY	10.00 – 5.00pm
			HISTORIC CHURCHES BIKE 'N HIKE RIDE	all day
			COFFEE MORNING in aid of the Children's Society	10.30 – 12 noon
			(RSCM Examinations in Choir Vestry)	9.00 -5.00pm)
Sun	15	Sep	<u>TRINITY 16</u>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST	9.30am
			(President and Preacher Fr George)	
			Performances by visiting Australian students:	
			<i>Pinocchio</i> (for kids)	3.00pm
			<i>The Kids Are Alright</i> (for adults)	5.30pm
			NO Evening Prayer	

NOTICES

COFFEE MORNING in aid of the Children's Society: next Saturday, 14 Sep, 10.30am – 12 noon. Cakes and Books for the Sale are urgently required. Please contact Norma Twitchin.

VOLUNTEERS needed to man the church during Saturday, 14 Sept, to serve coffee to visitors - can you sign up for an hour or two? Volunteers needed to provide some refreshments for Michaelmas (29 Sept) and the organ recital, (27 Sept). There are lists for these activities on the sign up table - please sign today.

QUESTIONNAIRES are still 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. **Please return the completed forms by Sunday 22 September.**

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

27 SEPTEMBER Organ Recital given by Andrew Benoy 7 pm (*please note that the date has been changed from the 28th to Friday, 27th.*)

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.