



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 16
15 September 2013

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist Fr George celebrates and preaches and Pat Beach leads the intercessions.

Hymns: 9, 478, 593 and 437 (t362)

Setting: Rawsthorne

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

Performances by visiting Australian students (everyone welcome):

Pinocchio (for kids) 3.00pm

The Kids Are Alright (for adults) 5.30pm

(NO evening service)

For your prayers this week:

The Church:

The parish of Rye Park, St Cuthbert, in our Diocese.

The Diocese of Sokoto, (Nigeria), Augustine Omole its Bishop and all its People.

Christians suffering attacks in Syria and Egypt.

The World:

The people of Syria.

All those who work to maintain our built heritage.

The work of the Children's Society.

The Community and Parish: Our PCC members.

Residents and staff at the Chase Care Centre.

Our Australian visitors.

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

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them;

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 Jeremiah 4.11–12, 22–28

(Not read)

- ¹¹ *At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert towards my poor people, not to winnow or cleanse –*
- ¹² *a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgement against them.*
- ²² *‘For my people are foolish, they do not know me; they are stupid children, they have no understanding. They are skilled in doing evil, but do not know how to do good.’*
- ²³ *I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void; and to the heavens, and they had no light.*
- ²⁴ *I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking, and all the hills moved to and fro.*
- ²⁵ *I looked, and lo, there was no one at all, and all the birds of the air had fled.*
- ²⁶ *I looked, and lo, the fruitful land was a desert, and all its cities were laid in ruins before the LORD, before his fierce anger.*
- ²⁷ *For thus says the LORD: The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end.*
- ²⁸ *Because of this the earth shall mourn, and the heavens above grow black; for I have spoken, I have purposed; I have not relented nor will I turn back.*

SECOND READING 1 Timothy 1.12–17

A reading from the first letter of Paul to Timothy.

- ¹² I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service,
- ¹³ even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief,

- 14 and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.
- 15 The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners – of whom I am the foremost.
- 16 But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life.
- 17 To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL Luke 15.1–10

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

- 1 All the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus.
- 2 And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, ‘This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.’
- 3 So he told them this parable:
- 4 ‘Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it?
- 5 When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices.
- 6 And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, “Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.”
- 7 Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.
- 8 Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it?
- 9 When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, “Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.”
- 10 Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.’

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- 29 SEPTEMBER Michaelmas
9.30 Sung Eucharist - Preacher: The Archdeacon of St Albans,
The Venerable Jonathan Smith
6.00 Choral Evensong with Augmented Choir;
followed by refreshments
- 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.

THIS WEEK

Mon	16	Sep	Toddlers' Group	10.00 – 11.30am
Tue	17	Sep	Service at The Chase Care Centre	2.30pm
Wed	18	Sep	Coffee in Church. Food Bank distribution	10.30am-12 noon
			PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL	7.55pm
Thu	19	Sep	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			Attended by Mothers' Union and followed by coffee	
			Choir practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
Sat	21	Sep	PARISH QUIET DAY at Edgware Abbey	
Sun	22	Sep	TRINITY 17	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST	9.30am
			(President: Fr Geoff; Preacher Martin Heath)	
			(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church)	1-7pm)
			NO Evening Prayer	

NOTICES

FINAL COPY DATE FOR THE OCTOBER SWORD is MIDDAY next Sunday, 22 September. Hard copy or floppy disc to Dennis Beach or email to dhbeach@sky.com.

FOOD BANK: There is a list of the items of food that can be included in the food parcels that are given out and if you would like to donate any of these items please bring them to church and put them in the box at the west end.

TICKETS FOR ORGAN RECITAL ON 27 SEPTEMBER at 7pm BY ANDREW BENOY These are on sale from Sylvia Moring at £8 each. The tickets include refreshments after the recital - please bring your own drinks.

WATFORD NEW HOPE TRUST'S COMMUNITY MARKET GARDEN in Rickmansworth Road will be holding an open day on Saturday 28th September from 10am until 3pm. Light refreshments, children's activities, storytelling in the yurt, craft demonstrations, poetry readings, art displays and of course their wonderful garden produce including winter pansies, primroses and Christmas flowering bulbs. More info from Gillian Heath.

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 next 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.