



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 19
6 October 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: 604, 426, 444, 310 and 612

Setting: Rawsthorne

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

(Baptism followed by refreshments

3.00pm)

Joint Evening Service at Trinity Methodist Church at 6.30pm

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Parish of St Michael with St Mary, Childwick Green, in our Diocese.

The Diocese of Sunyani in Ghana, Festus Yeboah-Asuama its Bishop and all its People.

The Anglican Church in Myanmar (Burma).

The World: Young people who are unemployed.

Charities working for elderly people.

People with visual impairment, and those who use Braille.

The Community and Parish: Residents and Staff at Home Manor and St Anthony's.

Watford Celebration Committee and helpers.

Trinity Methodist Church.

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, 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: Jessie Hobby.

COLLECT

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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 Lamentations 1.1–6

(Not read)

- 1 How lonely sits the city that once was full of people! How like a widow she has become, she that was great among the nations! She that was a princess among the provinces has become a vassal.*
- 2 She weeps bitterly in the night, with tears on her cheeks; among all her lovers she has no one to comfort her; all her friends have dealt treacherously with her, they have become her enemies.*
- 3 Judah has gone into exile with suffering and hard servitude; she lives now among the nations, and finds no resting-place; her pursuers have all overtaken her in the midst of her distress.*
- 4 The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes to the festivals; all her gates are desolate, her priests groan; her young girls grieve, and her lot is bitter.*
- 5 Her foes have become the masters, her enemies prosper, because the LORD has made her suffer for the multitude of her transgressions; her children have gone away, captives before the foe.*
- 6 From daughter Zion has departed all her majesty. Her princes have become like stags that find no pasture; they fled without strength before the pursuer.*

SECOND READING 2 Timothy 1.1–14

A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy.

- 1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,*
- 2 To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.*
- 3 I am grateful to God – whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did – when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day.*
- 4 Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy.*

5 I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your
grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you.
6 For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you
through the laying on of my hands;
7 for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power
and of love and of self-discipline.
8 Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his
prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power
of God,
9 who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works
but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in
Christ Jesus before the ages began,
10 but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour Christ
Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through
the gospel.
11 For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher,
12 and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the
one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until
that day what I have entrusted to him.
13 Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the
faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.
14 Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit
living in us.

GOSPEL Luke 17.5–10

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

5 The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!'
6 The Lord replied, 'If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say
to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea," and it would
obey you.
7 Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from
ploughing or tending sheep in the field, "Come here at once and take your
place at the table"?'
8 Would you not rather say to him, "Prepare supper for me, put on your
apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink"?'
9 Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded?
10 So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, "We
are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!"'

THIS WEEK

Mon	7	Oct	Toddlers' Group	10.00 – 11.30am
Tue	8	Oct	Publicity Committee (Choir Vestry)	7.30pm
Wed	9	Oct	Coffee in Church. Food Bank distribution	10.30am-12 noon
			Service at Home Manor	3.00pm
Thu	10	Oct	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			St Anthony's	morning
			(Deanery Synod)	
			Choir practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
Sun	13	Oct	<u>HARVEST THANKSGIVING (Trinity 20)</u>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST (President and Preacher: Fr Geoff)	<u>10.30am</u>
			(NO 11.15 service)	
			(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church for their Harvest	1.00 – 7.00pm)
			NO Evening Prayer	

NOTICES

FR GEOFF would like to thank all those who so thoughtfully and prayerfully filled in their Nave Altar feedback forms. The responses are now being looked at by the vicar, churchwardens, organist and sacristan, as those mainly responsible for the ordering of worship. There will be no decisions made at this stage, but the responses will be condensed into a representative report (without names attached) to the PCC for a decision on how best to move forward.

FOOD BANK: There is a list of the items of food that can be included in the food parcels in particular there is a need for tinned meat and meat pies, and UHT milk. 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.

HARVEST SUPPER AT TRINITY METHODIST: This is on Monday, 7 October at 7 pm. Tickets (£5 for adults; £3 for children) obtainable from Fr Geoff.

The BRING-&-BUY sale last week raised £50.50 for church funds. Many thanks to all who contributed.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

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. Gifts of packaged goods (to be shared between New Hope Trust, Refugees and Foodbank) and a cash collection for Christian Aid, will be taken during the service.

16 NOVEMBER St Michael's Christmas Fair. Please read about it in the new edition of **WORD** which is available today and make sure you have written the date in your diary.