



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

HARVEST

5 October 2014

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Sung Eucharist Fr Geoff celebrates and preaches. Kristine Jenkins leads the intercessions.

Hymns are in a special booklet

Setting: Rawsthorne

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

United Evening Service at Trinity Methodist at 6.30pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The parish of Keysoe in our Diocese.
The Church in Wales: Barry Morgan, Archbishop of Wales and Bishop of Llandaff.

The United Society's "Journey with Us" placement programme.

The World: All those who produce, prepare and transport the food we eat.
People who do not have enough food to eat.

Areas affected by drought, flooding, crop disease or other natural disaster.

The Community and Parish: Our Brownies, Brownie Guiders, and Leaders.
Residents and Staff at River Court, Home Manor and St Anthony's.
Our new "Discovering the Bible" groups.

The Ill and the Housebound: Especially Bruce Alexander, Janet Bridge, Jean and Robert Caton, Peter Coley, Marion Craddock-Jones, Pamela Cutler, Audrey Dixon, Sandra Fullerton, Jenny Houghton, Audrey Jaquest, Pam Jennings, Mary Kearns, Lesley Kinch, Loretta Lynch, Audrey Morgan, Dorcas Ochola, Brian O'Riordan, Helen Perry, Mark Pritchard, Christina Simon, Mark Simon, Karen Stride and Anne Wightman.

The Departed:

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Collect

Eternal God,
you crown the year with your goodness
and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season:
grant that we may use them to your glory,
for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being;
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.

I Timothy 6.6–10

A reading from the first letter of Paul to Timothy.

⁶ There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment;
⁷ for we brought nothing into the world,
so that we can take nothing out of it;
⁸ but if we have food and clothing,
we will be content with these.
⁹ But those who want to be rich fall into temptation
and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires
that plunge people into ruin and destruction.
¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil,
and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the
faith
and pierced themselves with many pains.

GOSPEL Matthew 6.25–33

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

Jesus said to his disciples:

- ²⁵ ‘Do not worry about your life,
what you will eat or what you will drink,
or about your body, what you will wear.
Is not life more than food,
and the body more than clothing?’
- ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air;
they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns,
and yet your heavenly Father feeds them.
Are you not of more value than they?’
- ²⁷ And can any of you by worrying
add a single hour to your span of life?’
- ²⁸ And why do you worry about clothing?
Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow;
they neither toil nor spin,
²⁹ yet I tell you,
even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these.
- ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field,
which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven,
will he not much more clothe you –
you of little faith?’
- ³¹ Therefore do not worry,
saying, “What will we eat?”
or “What will we drink?”
or “What will we wear?”
- ³² For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things;
and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these
things.
- ³³ But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness,
and all these things will be given to you as well.’

THIS WEEK

Mon	6	Oct	Toddlers' Group "Discovering the Bible" (Vicarage)	10 – 11.30am 2.30pm
Tue	7	Oct	Service at River Court "Discovering the Bible" (Vicarage)	3.00pm 8.00pm
Wed	8	Oct	Coffee in Church and Food Bank Service at Home Manor	10.30 - 12 noon 3.00pm
Thur	9	Oct	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language) St Anthony's Choir Practice	10.00am morning 7.00 – 8.30pm
Sun	12	Oct	<u>TRINITY 17</u> Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff) SUNG EUCHARIST and Sunday School (President: Fr Geoff; Visiting Preacher from Mercy Ships) The Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church Evening Prayer	8.00am 9.30am 1 -5 pm 6.00pm

NOTICES

HARVEST THANKSGIVING 5 October 2014. At the 9.30 service we will be having a cash collection which will go to the Bishop of St Albans' Harvest Appeal which will go via Christian Aid to support the teaching of literacy to women in Egypt (see September *Sword*). There will also be a collection of dried food items which will be given to the Watford and Three Rivers Refugee Project.

TRINITY METHODIST HARVEST SUPPER will be on Monday 6 October at 7 for 7.15 pm. Tickets (£6) from Fr Geoff.

RAFFLE FOR CHRISTMAS FAIR (29 NOVEMBER 2014)

If you work for a local business, or know someone who does, please see Sue Ellison or Elizabeth Watkin to talk about getting prize donations.

BEGINNING 6TH OCTOBER 2.30 PM OR 7TH OCTOBER, 8.00 PM: alternative monthly get-togethers for "Discovering the Bible" to be held at the Vicarage. There will be no need to take a Bible.



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