



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 18
19 October 2014

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Sung Eucharist Fr George celebrates and preaches. Graham Mordue leads the intercessions.

Hymns: 368, 400, 625 and 490 (i)

Setting: Rawsthorne

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

Messy Church at 11.15 am.

NO Evening Prayer here tonight.

Evening Service at Friends' Meeting House for Week of Prayer for World Peace at 7.30 pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Parish of Stagsden in the Sharnbrook Deanery of our Diocese.
The Church in the Province of the West Indies & The Hon John Holder
Archbishop of West Indies & Bishop of Barbados.

Priests in Tanzania working in impoverished circumstances.

The World: All people and organisations working to bring unity and harmony
between people and nations.

All those working to contain the Ebola outbreak and care for its victims.

Refugees from the fighting in Syria and Iraq.

The Community and Parish: The clergy of St Albans Diocese and their conference this
week.

All those who hire or lease our halls.

Thanksgiving for the completion of our quinquennial repairs.

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:

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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 Exodus 33.12–23

A reading from the book of Exodus.

- ¹² Moses said to the LORD, 'See, you have said to me, "Bring up this people"; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, "I know you by name, and you have also found favour in my sight."
¹³ Now if I have found favour in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favour in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people.'
¹⁴ He said, 'My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.'
¹⁵ And he said to him, 'If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here.
¹⁶ For how shall it be known that I have found favour in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth.'
¹⁷ The LORD said to Moses, 'I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favour in my sight, and I know you by name.'
¹⁸ Moses said, 'Show me your glory, I pray.'
¹⁹ And he said, 'I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, "The LORD"; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy.
²⁰ But,' he said, 'you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live.'
²¹ And the LORD continued, 'See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock;
²² and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by;
²³ then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen.'

SECOND READING I Thessalonians 1.1–10

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

- ¹ From Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.
- ² We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers,
- ³ constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.
- ⁴ For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you,
- ⁵ because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake.
- ⁶ And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit,
- ⁷ so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia.
- ⁸ For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it.
- ⁹ For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God,
- ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead – Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

GOSPEL Matthew 22.15–22

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

- When the chief priests and Pharisees had heard the parables, they realized that Jesus was speaking about them.
- ¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said.
- ¹⁶ So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, ‘Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality.
- ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?’
- ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, ‘Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites?
- ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax.’ And they brought him a denarius.
- ²⁰ Then he said to them, ‘Whose head is this, and whose title?’
- ²¹ They answered, ‘The emperor’s.’ Then he said to them, ‘Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.’
- ²² When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

THIS WEEK

Mon	20	Oct	Toddlers' Group	10 – 11.30am
Wed	22	Oct	Coffee in Church and Food Bank	10.30 - 12 noon
Thur	23	Oct	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
Fri	24	Oct	Laurance Haines School Harvest Celebration	1.45pm
Sun	26	Oct	<i>British Summer Time ends. Put clocks back</i>	
			<u>LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY</u>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST (President and Preacher: Fr Geoff)	9.30am
			followed by Bring-&Buy Sale	
			(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church	1.00 – 5.00pm)
			Evening Prayer	6.00pm

NOTICES

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.

RADLETT CHORAL SOCIETY will be giving their next concert at St Michael's on Saturday, 8 November, at 7.30 pm. They will be performing Handel's Judas Maccabaeus with orchestral accompaniment by the London Handel Consort. Tickets are £12 obtainable from 01923 226836/243545.

FOOD BANK: Don't forget that we are still collecting food as well as acting as a distribution centre. There is a list at the back of church of the items of food that can be included in the parcels. 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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 2 November ALL SOULS DAY 9.30 am Memorial Service
6.00 pm All Souls Eucharist with reading of the Chantry List
- 3 November Discovering the Bible - session 2 at the Vicarage at 2.30 pm
- 4 November Discovering the Bible - repeat of session 2 at the Vicarage at 8 pm