



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 15
13 September 2015

We wish you a warm welcome to our services today.

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

Hymns: 148, 582, 470 and 81

Setting: Rawsthorne

Refreshments will be served in church after the 9.30 service – please stay on.

Evening Prayer at 6.00pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Parish of Sundon (Luton Deanery) in our Diocese.
The Diocese of South Dakota (USA), John Tarrant its Bishop and all its people.

Pray with Us for all work to remove poverty, hunger and ill health.

The World: A wise and sustainable way forward in the current refugee crisis.
Work towards peace in the Middle East.

The Christians of Syria, Afghanistan and Iraq.

The Community and Parish: Our Mothers' Union members.

All our members preparing for, undergoing, or recovering from, operations or major treatment.

Our PCC members.

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

The Departed: Juliette Surridge (Andrew Kiddle's sister-in-law).

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.

FIRST READING Proverbs 1.20–33

A reading from the book of Proverbs.

²⁰ Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice.
²¹ At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:
²² 'How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge?
²³ Give heed to my reproof; I will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my words known to you.
²⁴ Because I have called and you refused, have stretched out my hand and no one heeded,
²⁵ and because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof,
²⁶ I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when panic strikes you,
²⁷ when panic strikes you like a storm, and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you.
²⁸ Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but will not find me.
²⁹ Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the LORD,
³⁰ would have none of my counsel, and despised all my reproof,
³¹ therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way and be sated with their own devices.
³² For waywardness kills the simple, and the complacency of fools destroys them;
³³ but those who listen to me will be secure and will live at ease, without dread of disaster.'

SECOND READING James 3.1–12

A reading from the letter of James.

¹ Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness.
² For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle.
³ If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies.

4 Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them,
yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs.
5 So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a
forest is set ablaze by a small fire!
6 And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of
iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set
on fire by hell.
7 For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and
has been tamed by the human species,
8 but no one can tame the tongue – a restless evil, full of deadly poison.
9 With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in
the likeness of God.
10 From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this
ought not to be so.
11 Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water?
12 Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more
can salt water yield fresh.

GOSPEL Mark 8.27–38

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

27 Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way
he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that I am?’
28 And they answered him, ‘John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one
of the prophets.’
29 Jesus asked them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Peter answered him, ‘You are
the Messiah.’
30 And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.
31 Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering,
and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and
after three days rise again.
32 He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.
33 But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, ‘Get behind
me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human
things.’
34 He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, ‘If any want to become
my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.
35 For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for
my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.
36 For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life?
37 Indeed, what can they give in return for their life?
38 Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful
generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the
glory of his Father with the holy angels.’

THIS WEEK

Mon	14	Sep	Toddlers' Group	10.00am – 11.30am
Tue	15	Sep	Funeral in Church	11.30am
Wed	16	Sep	Food Bank	10.00am – 12 noon
			Coffee in Church	10.30am – 12 noon
			PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL	7.55pm
Thu	17	Sep	Holy Communion	10.00am
			followed by coffee in Choir Vestry	
			Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
Sat	19	Sep	(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church	afternoon/evening)
Sun	20	Sep	TRINITY 16	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST (President and Preacher: Fr Geoff)	9.30am
			Messy Church	11.15am – 12.45pm
			Evening Prayer	6.00pm

NOTICES

CONGREGATION FAVOURITE HYMNS in today's service are 81, 470 and 582.

HALL LETTINGS SECRETARY NEEDED URGENTLY: We need someone to look after the lettings of Littlebury Hall, taking enquiries, collecting payment, locking and unlocking. Please consider very carefully if you could serve our church community in this way. More information from Kristine Jenkins or Fr Geoff.

BRING-&-BUY on 30th August raised £38 – many thanks..

EVENING PILGRIMAGE TO ST ALBANS ABBEY: We have an opportunity to take part in an evening pilgrimage to St Albans Abbey, consisting of sandwich and cake buffet, pilgrimage prayer tour, compline and procession to the shrine. Beginning at 7.00pm, ending 9.30pm, cost £7.50 per head. The next date is 2nd December. If you would like to go, please sign up on the list at the back of Church.

TOYS AND CHILDREN'S BOOKS: Thank you to everyone who donated these to The Watford and Three Rivers Refugee Partnership. We have received a very nice letter of thanks the full text of which will be printed in next month's Sword.

APPLICATIONS are invited for the part-time (20-25 hpw) post of Receptionist/Secretary at the Diocesan Office in St Albans. Further particulars are available at <http://www.stalbans.anglican.org/diocese/other-vacancies/> with a closing date of Monday 21 September, 12 noon.

ADVANCE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

MICHAELMAS will be celebrated on Sunday, 27th at 9.30 am and Tuesday, 29th September when there will be a Pie Supper (Cottage or vegetable pie followed by dessert. You are asked to bring your own drinks (byo). This will be followed by Compline. Tickets for the supper will be £6 and will be on sale from today.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING will be on Sunday, 4 October.