



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 16
20 September 2015

We wish you a warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist Fr Geoff celebrates and preaches. Phil Gough leads the intercessions.

Hymns: 557 ii, 583, 279 (t 559) and 468

Setting: Rawsthorne

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

Messy Church at 11.15am

Evening Prayer at 6.00pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Parish of St Oswald Croxley Green in our Diocese.
The Diocese of Southern Brazil: Humberto Maiztegue its Bishop and all its people.

Pray with Us for peace where there is conflict..

The World: The Syrian refugees who will be coming to this country.

The response of people in Watford to the refugee crisis.

Christian communities affected by conflict and persecution.

The Community and Parish: Watford Interfaith Association.

The Multicultural Community Centre.

Watford Church of England Deanery and Churches Together in Watford.

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:

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 Proverbs 31.10–31

A reading from the book of Proverbs.

- ¹⁰ A capable wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels.
¹¹ The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain.
¹² She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life.
¹³ She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands.
¹⁴ She is like the ships of the merchant, she brings her food from far away.
¹⁵ She rises while it is still night and provides food for her household and tasks for her servant-girls.
¹⁶ She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.
¹⁷ She girds herself with strength, and makes her arms strong.
¹⁸ She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out at night.
¹⁹ She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle.
²⁰ She opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hands to the needy.
²¹ She is not afraid for her household when it snows, for all her household are clothed in crimson.
²² She makes herself coverings; her clothing is fine linen and purple.
²³ Her husband is known in the city gates, taking his seat among the elders of the land.
²⁴ She makes linen garments and sells them; she supplies the merchant with sashes.
²⁵ Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come.
²⁶ She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.
²⁷ She looks well to the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness.
²⁸ Her children rise up and call her happy; her husband too, and he praises her:
²⁹ 'Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all.'
³⁰ Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.
³¹ Give her a share in the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the city gates.

SECOND READING James 3.13 – 4.3, 7–8a

A reading from the letter of James.

- ¹³ Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom.
- ¹⁴ But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth.
- ¹⁵ Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish.
- ¹⁶ For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind.
- ¹⁷ But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy.
- ¹⁸ And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.
- ¹ Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you?
- ² You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask.
- ³ You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.
- ⁷ Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.
- ⁸ Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

GOSPEL Mark 9.30–37

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

- ³⁰ Jesus and his disciples went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;
- ³¹ for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, ‘The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.’
- ³² But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.
- ³³ Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, ‘What were you arguing about on the way?’
- ³⁴ But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest.
- ³⁵ He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, ‘Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.’
- ³⁶ Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them,
- ³⁷ ‘Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.’

THIS WEEK

Mon	21	Sep	Toddlers' Group	10.00am – 11.30am
Wed	23	Sep	Food Bank	10.00am – 12 noon
			Coffee in Church	10.30am – 12 noon
Thu	24	Sep	Holy Communion	10.00am
			Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
Sun	27	Sep	<u>St MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS</u>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST (President and Preacher: Fr Geoff)	9.30am
			(The Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church	1.00 – 5.00pm)
			Evening Prayer	6.00pm

NOTICES

CONGREGATION FAVOURITE HYMNS: all of today's hymns are in the list of selections.

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 are on sale and cost £6. Please get yours today.

REFUGEE CRISIS: - there is a document available at the back of Church from Watford Deanery, with responses Christians can make to the refugee crisis. Also - On Wednesday 23rd September at 7:30pm there will be an open meeting at St Mary's Church, Watford, for all those interested in assisting with this crisis with prayer, practical help, and further sharing of ideas. Please be there if you can and encourage others to come along.

THE COFFEE MORNING on 12 September raised £190 for The Children's Society. Many thanks to all who contributed and to all the helpers for the Heritage Open Day and sponsored bike ride.

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.

FINAL COPY DATE for October Sword is 26th September. Hard copy or floppy disc to Rob White or email to robwhite.watford@tiscali.co.uk. Items welcome from church members of any age.

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.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING will be on Sunday, 4 October.