



# THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

*St Michael and All Angels*

Watford

**HARVEST**

**4 October 2015**

We wish you a warm welcome to our services today for our Harvest Thanksgiving.  
At the 9.30 am Eucharist Fr Geoff celebrates and preaches.

**Hymns: Special Leaflet**

**Setting: Thorne**

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

United Service at Trinity Methodist at 6.30pm.

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## **For your prayers this week:**

**The Church:** The Parish of Harrold (Sharnbrook Deanery) in our Diocese.  
The Diocese of Sunyani (Ghana), Festus Yeboah-Asuamah its  
Bishop and all its people.  
Churches supporting Us in Britain and Ireland .

**The World:** The Bishop of St Albans Harvest Appeal.  
The work of Christian Aid.  
All food producers facing drought, flood or disease.

**The Community and Parish:** Staff and Residents at River Court and St  
Anthony's.  
The work of Watford Food Bank.  
Planning for Celebration 2016.

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

**The Departed:** Pamela Cutler.

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# HARVEST

## 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.

## FIRST READING Philippians 4.4–9

*(Contemporary English Version)*

*A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.*

<sup>4</sup> Always be glad because of the Lord! I will say it again, always be glad!

<sup>5</sup> Always be gentle with others. The Lord will soon be here.

<sup>6</sup> Don't worry about anything, but pray about everything. With thankful hearts, offer up your prayers and requests to God.

<sup>7</sup> Then, because you belong to Christ Jesus, God will bless you with peace than no one can completely understand. And this peace will control the way you think and feel.

<sup>8</sup> Finally, my friends, keep your minds on whatever is true, pure, right, holy, friendly, and proper. Don't ever stop thinking about what is truly worthwhile and worthy of praise.

<sup>9</sup> You know the teachings I gave you, and you know what you heard me say and saw me do. So Follow my example. And God, who gives peace, will be with you.

## GOSPEL John 6.25–35

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.*

<sup>25</sup> When they found Jesus on the other side of the sea, the crowd said to him,

'Rabbi, when did you come here?'

<sup>26</sup> Jesus answered them,

‘Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me,  
not because you saw signs,  
but because you ate your fill of the loaves.  
<sup>27</sup> Do not work for the food that perishes,  
but for the food that endures for eternal life,  
which the Son of Man will give you.  
For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.’

<sup>28</sup> Then they said to Jesus,  
‘What must we do to perform the works of God?’

<sup>29</sup> Jesus answered them,  
‘This is the work of God,  
that you believe in him whom he has sent.’

<sup>30</sup> So they said to him,  
‘What sign are you going to give us then,  
so that we may see it and believe you?  
What work are you performing?’

<sup>31</sup> Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness;  
as it is written,  
“He gave them bread from heaven to eat.”

<sup>32</sup> Then Jesus said to them,  
‘Very truly, I tell you,  
it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven,  
but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven.

<sup>33</sup> For the bread of God  
is that which comes down  
from heaven and gives life to the world.’

<sup>34</sup> They said to him,  
‘Sir, give us this bread always.’

<sup>35</sup> Jesus said to them,  
‘I am the bread of life.  
Whoever comes to me will never be hungry,  
and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.’

## THIS WEEK

Mon	5	Oct	Toddlers' Group	10.00am – 11.30am
			Chater Infants School Harvest Celebration	9.00am – 9.45am
			“Discovering the Bible” (Choir Vestry)	2.30pm
Tue	6	Oct	Service at River Court	2.30pm
Wed	7	Oct	Food Bank	10.00am – 12 noon
			Coffee in Church	10.30am – 12 noon
Thu	8	Oct	Holy Communion	10.00am
			St Anthony's	morning
			Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
Sun	11	Oct	<b><u>TRINITY 19</u></b>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George)	8.00am
			<b>SUNG EUCHARIST</b> (President and Preacher: Fr Geoff)	<b>9.30am</b>
			<b>Sunday School</b>	
			(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church)	1.00pm – 7.00pm)
			Evening Prayer (at the Vicarage)	6.00pm

## NOTICES

HARVEST THANKSGIVING today Sunday, 4 October. Dried goods brought to the Harvest Service will be given to the Food Bank. There are leaflets at the back of the church which list the type of food that is most acceptable for the food parcels.

LAST SUNDAY'S BRING-&-BUY SALE raised £45. Many thanks.

REFUGEE CRISIS: - There is a document available at the back of Church from Watford Deanery, with responses Christians can make to the refugee crisis.

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL If you would like to help with a session during this term please see Fr Geoff or Elizabeth Watkin.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

1st November ALL SAINTS 9.30 am Memorial Service  
 6 pm All Souls Eucharist when the Chantry List will be read  
 8th November Remembrance Sunday  
 28th November Christmas Fair - 11 am - 2.30 pm