



# THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

*St Michael and All Angels*

Watford

**TRINITY 19**  
**11 October 2015**

We wish you a warm welcome to our services today.

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

**Hymns: 435 (i), 375, 308 (i) and 627 (t227)**

**Setting: Thorne**

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

(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church 1.00pm – 7.00pm)

Evening Prayer in the Vicarage at 6.00pm.

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

**The Church:** The Parish of Odell (Sharnbrook Deanery) in our Diocese.  
The Diocese of Tamale (Ghana), Jacob Ayebo its bishop and all its people.

The work of Us with the Church in Bangladesh.

**The World:** The work of Christian Aid fighting malnutrition across the world.  
The work of Church Army in the UK.  
Peace in Syria and the Middle East.

**The Community and Parish:** Leaders of faith communities in Watford.

Chater Infants School.

Staff and Residents at Home Manor.

**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:** .

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**COLLECT**

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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 Job 23.1–9, 16–17**

A reading from the book of Job.

- <sup>1</sup> Job answered his companions:  
<sup>2</sup> 'Today also my complaint is bitter; his hand is heavy despite my groaning.  
<sup>3</sup> Oh, that I knew where I might find him, that I might come even to his dwelling!  
<sup>4</sup> I would lay my case before him, and fill my mouth with arguments.  
<sup>5</sup> I would learn what he would answer me, and understand what he would say to me.  
<sup>6</sup> Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power? No; but he would give heed to me.  
<sup>7</sup> There an upright person could reason with him, and I should be acquitted for ever by my judge.  
<sup>8</sup> If I go forward, he is not there; or backward, I cannot perceive him;  
<sup>9</sup> on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him; I turn to the right, but I cannot see him.  
<sup>16</sup> God has made my heart faint; the Almighty has terrified me;  
<sup>17</sup> If only I could vanish in darkness, and thick darkness would cover my face!'

**SECOND READING Hebrews 4.12–16**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

- <sup>12</sup> The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.  
<sup>13</sup> And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.  
<sup>14</sup> Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession.

- 15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin.
- 16 Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

## **GOSPEL Mark 10.17-31**

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

- 17 As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?'
- 18 Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone.'
- 19 You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother."'
- 20 He said to Jesus, 'Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.'
- 21 Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.'
- 22 When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.
- 23 Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, 'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!'
- 24 And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!'
- 25 It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.'
- 26 They were greatly astounded and said to one another, 'Then who can be saved?'
- 27 Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.'
- 28 Peter began to say to him, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you.'
- 29 Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news,
- 30 who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age – houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields – but with persecutions – and in the age to come eternal life.
- 31 But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'

## THIS WEEK

Mon	12	Oct	Toddlers' Group	10.00am – 11.30am
Wed	14	Oct	Food Bank	10.00am – 12 noon
			Coffee in Church	10.30am – 12 noon
			Home Manor	2.30pm
Thu	15	Oct	Holy Communion	10.00am
			followed by coffee in Choir Vestry	
			Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
Sun	18	Oct	<b><u>St LUKE THE EVANGELIST</u></b>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff)	8.00am
			<b>SUNG EUCHARIST</b> (President and Preacher: Fr Geoff)	<b>9.30am</b>
			Messy Church	11.15am
			Evening Service at Friends' Meeting House for Week of Prayer for World Peace	7.30pm
			(NO evening service at St Michael's)	

## NOTICES

CONGREGATION FAVOURITE HYMNS in today's service are 308, 375 and 435.

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, Sue Ellison 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