



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

ST LUKE THE EVANGELIST

18 October 2015

We wish you a warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist Fr Geoff celebrates and preaches. Paul Chandler leads the intercessions.

Hymns: 455, 621, 376 and 591

Setting: Thorne

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

Evening Service at Friends' Meeting House for Week of Prayer for World Peace.
(NO evening service at St Michael's)

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Parish of Shelton (Sharnbrook Deanery) in our Diocese.
The Diocese of The Arctic (Canada), David Parsons its bishop
and all its people.

Pray with Us for religious tolerance in India.

The World: The work of Christian Aid in South Sudan.
All taking part in the Week of Prayer for World Peace.
All stateless people and refugees.

The Community and Parish: The Week of Prayer for World Peace Service.
Our Mothers' Union members.
Laurance Haines School.

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: .

COLLECT

Almighty God, you called Luke the physician, whose praise is in the gospel, to be an evangelist and physician of the soul:
by the grace of the Spirit and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel, give your Church the same love and power to heal;
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 Acts 16.6–12a

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

- 6 Paul and Timothy went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia.
7 When they had come opposite Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them;
8 so, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas.
9 During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, ‘Come over to Macedonia and help us.’
10 When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.
11 We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis,
12 and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony.

SECOND READING 2 Timothy 4.5–17

A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy.

- 5 As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.
6 As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come.
7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.
8 From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.
9 Do your best to come to me soon,

- 10 for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia.
- 11 Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry.
- 12 I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus.
- 13 When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments.
- 14 Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will pay him back for his deeds.
- 15 You also must beware of him, for he strongly opposed our message.
- 16 At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them!
- 17 But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth.

GOSPEL Luke 10.1–9

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

- 1 The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go.
- 2 He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.
- 3 Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves.
- 4 Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road.
- 5 Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!"
- 6 And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you.
- 7 Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house.
- 8 Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you;
- 9 cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you."

THIS WEEK

Mon	19	Oct	Toddlers' Group	10.00am – 11.30am
Tue	20	Oct	Intercessory Prayer Group (Choir Vestry)	2.30pm
Wed	21	Oct	Food Bank	10.00am – 12 noon
			Coffee in Church	10.30am – 12 noon
			Social Committee (Choir Vestry)	8.00pm
Thu	22	Oct	Holy Communion	10.00am
			Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
Fri	23	Oct	Laurance Haines School Harvest Celebration	9.00am – 12 noon
Sat	24	Oct	<i>British Summer Time ends – put clocks back one hour tonight</i>	
Sun	25	Oct	<u>LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY</u>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST	9.30am
			(President Fr Geoff and Preacher: Violet Allen-Smith)	
			Sunday School	
			followed by a Bring-&-Buy Sale	
			(The Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church	1.00 – 5.00pm)
			Evening Prayer	6.00pm

NOTICES

CONGREGATION FAVOURITE HYMNS in today's service are 376, 455 and 621.

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