



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY SUNDAY

22 May 2016

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist Fr Geoff celebrates and preaches. Violet Allen-Smith leads the intercessions. Children's Church in Choir Vestry.

Hymns: 202, 421, 203 and 267

Setting: Thorne

Coffee and tea will be served in church after the 9.30 service – please stay on.

(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church 1.00 – 5.00pm)

Evening Prayer in Lady Chapel at 6.00pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Parish of Kelshall in our Diocese
The Diocese of North Indiana, Edward Little its Bishop and all its people

The work of Us in Zimbabwe with people affected by AIDS

The World: Everyone affected by the loss of EgyptAir flight MS804

People affected by wildfires in Alberta, Canada

The World Humanitarian Summit taking place in Istanbul

The Community and Parish: Celebration 2016, all those who will take part

All those preparing for marriage

Preparations for the Big Lunch

The Ill and the Housebound: Especially Bruce Alexander, Sonia Anderson, Ashton Andrews, Tina Bennett, Christopher Bilson, Janet Bridge, Robert Caton, Peter Coley, Marion Craddock-Jones, Audrey Dixon, Claire Dunning, Simon Fowle, Sandra Fullerton, Kristine Jenkins, Mary Kearns, Lesley Kinch, Loretta Lynch, Dorcas Ochola, Brian O'Riordan, Helen Perry, Christina Simon, Mark Simon and Karen Stride.

The Departed: Thomas Murkin and Winifred Benjamin

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; 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 8.1–4, 22–31

A reading from the book of Proverbs.

Thus says the wisdom of God:

- ¹ Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice?
² On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand;
³ beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out:
⁴ ‘To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live.
²² The LORD created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago.
²³ Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth.
²⁴ When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water.
²⁵ Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth
—
²⁶ when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world’s first bits of soil.
²⁷ When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
²⁸ when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep,
²⁹ when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
³⁰ then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always,
³¹ rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.’

SECOND READING Romans 5.1–5

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

- ¹ Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
² through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.
³ And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance,
⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,
⁵ and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

GOSPEL John 16.12–15

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

- Jesus said to his disciples:
¹² 'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.
¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.
¹⁴ He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you.
¹⁵ All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.'

THIS WEEK

Mon	23	May	Toddlers' Group	10 – 11.30am
Wed	25	May	Food Bank	10.00am – 12 noon
			Coffee in Church	10.30am – 12 noon
Thur	26	May	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
Fri	27	May	(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church	6.00 – 10.00pm)
Sat	28	May	(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church	9.00am – 5.00pm)
Sun	29	May	TRINITY 1	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST (President: Fr Geoff ;	9.30am
			Preacher: Violet Allen-Smith); Children's Church	
			followed by Bring-&-Buy Sale	
			Baptism	3.00pm
			Evening Prayer	6.00pm

NOTICES

FINAL COPY DATE for June Sword is today, Sunday, 22 May. Hard copy or floppy disc to Rob White or email to robwhite.watford@googlemail.com.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- Monday 30 May (Bank Holiday) Celebration 2016, 12 noon - 4 pm in
Multicultural Community Centre,
St Michael's Church and Littlebury Hall
- Sunday 12 June Big Lunch in church during the Queen's official 90th
Birthday Celebration weekend.
- Sunday 17 July Tea on the Triangle with sales stalls.

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