



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 7
10 July 2016

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Sung Eucharist; Fr Geoff celebrates and Martin Heath preaches. Phil Gough leads the intercessions.

Hymns: 619, 528, 182 (i) and 621

Setting: Thorne

Children's Church in Choir Vestry.

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

(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church 1.00 – 5.00pm)

Evening Prayer at 6.00 pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Parish of Hemel Hempstead, Warners End and Gadebridge in our Diocese

The Episcopal Church in the Phillipines, Renato Mag-Gay Abibico its Bishop and All its People

Church Army's Mission Community.

The World: Victims of recent terrorist atrocities across the world, especially in Baghdad.

That good lessons may be learnt from the Chilcot Report.

Minority communities suffering discrimination and persecution across the world.

The Community and Parish: The work of Churches Together in Central, South and West Watford.

Watford Faith Leaders meeting this Week.

Harmony between people of all nationalities, faiths and cultures in our area.

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

The Departed: Tina Bennett; Thomas Charles Morgan (Uncle of Iola).

Collect

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things:
 graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all
 goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
 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 Amos 7.7–17

A reading from the book of the prophet Amos.

- 7 This is what the LORD showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a
 plumb-line, with a plumb-line in his hand.
- 8 And the LORD said to me, ‘Amos, what do you see?’ And I said, ‘A plumb-line.’ Then
 the Lord said, ‘See, I am setting a plumb-line in the midst of my people Israel; I will
 never again pass them by;
- 9 the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid
 waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.’
- 10 Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, ‘Amos has
 conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to
 bear all his words.
- 11 For thus Amos has said, “Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into
 exile away from his land.”
- 12 And Amaziah said to Amos, ‘O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your
 bread there, and prophesy there;
- 13 but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of
 the kingdom.’
- 14 Then Amos answered Amaziah, ‘I am no prophet, nor a prophet’s son; but I am a
 herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees,
- 15 and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, “Go,
 prophesy to my people Israel.”
- 16 Now therefore hear the word of the LORD. You say, “Do not prophesy against Israel,
 and do not preach against the house of Isaac.”
- 17 Therefore thus says the LORD: “Your wife shall become a prostitute in the city, and
 your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword, and your land shall be parcelled
 out by line; you yourself shall die in an unclean land, and Israel shall surely go into exile
 away from its land.”

SECOND READING Colossians 1.1–14

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

- 1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,
 2 To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and
 peace from God our Father.
- 3 In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 4 for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the
 saints,

5 because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in
the word of the truth,
6 the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole
world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and
truly comprehended the grace of God.
7 This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow-servant. He is a faithful minister of
Christ on your behalf,
8 and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.
9 For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and
asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and
understanding,
10 so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in
every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God.
11 May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and
may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully
12 giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the
saints in the light.
13 He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of
his beloved Son,
14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

GOSPEL Luke 10.25–37

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

25 A lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal
life?'
26 He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?'
27 He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your
soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as
yourself.'
28 And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.'
29 But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?'
30 Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands
of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead.
31 Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by
on the other side.
32 So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other
side.
33 But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved
with pity.
34 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then
he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.
35 The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take
care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend."
36 Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the
hands of the robbers?'
37 He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

THIS WEEK

Mon	11	July	Toddlers' Group (Church in use for film crew	10 – 11.30am 12 noon – 10.00pm)
Tue	12	July	(Post natal class in choir vestry Finance and General Purposes Committee (Choir Vestry)	9.30am – 11.30am) 2.00pm
Wed	13	July	Food Bank Coffee in Church Service At Home Manor	10.00am – 12 noon 10.30am – 12 noon 2.30pm
Thur	14	July	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language) NO Choir Practice	10.00am
Sun	17	July	TRINITY 8 Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff) SUNG EUCHARIST (President and Preacher: Fr Geoff) Children's Church TEA ON THE TRIANGLE Evening Prayer	8.00am 9.30am from 3.00pm 6.00pm

NOTICES

TEA ON THE TRIANGLE: This will be on Sunday, 17 July, from 3-5 pm and will take place either in the church and/or on the triangle at the west end according to the weather. There will be a cream tea and stalls selling books, bric-a-brac, and a Norma mixture, children's table-top activities and a raffle.

The Social Committee would like help with the arrangements and lists asking for volunteers to make cakes, scones, help run stalls, children's activities, raffle and anything else - ideas are always welcome. Please look at the lists and see how you can help. Make a note of the date in your diary. Tell your friends and neighbours and see if they would be interested in coming. Posters and handbills at back of church.

Tickets (price £2.50) on sale at the coffee bar, and from Gill Heath, Elizabeth Watkin, Sue Ellison, Sylvia Moring, Iola Bilson.

PARISH OUTING: On Saturday 6th August we plan a parish outing to Chalgrove in Oxfordshire, where a nationally important set of mediaeval wall-paintings have been preserved in the Church, which has recently re-opened after refurbishment. After lunch (possibly at the Church-owned pub in the village!), we go on to Dorchester-on-Thames to visit the splendid Dorchester Abbey. Please sign the list if you would like to come, and indicate whether you need, or can offer, a lift.

THE FUNERAL FOR ALAN COCKRAM will be held at West Herts Crematorium at 12 o'clock on Wednesday 20 July followed by a service of thanksgiving at the West Watford Free Church on Tolpits Lane at 2 pm.

THE AGM OF CHURCHES TOGETHER in Central South and West Watford is on Thursday 14th July, 7.30pm, at St Luke's. The speaker is Baroness Sal Brinton who will speak on Christians in Politics. Open to all.