



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 9
24 July 2016

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Sung Eucharist; Fr Geoff celebrates and preaches. Violet Allen-Smith leads the intercessions.

Hymns: 492, 428, 505 and 453

Setting: Thorne

Children's Church in Choir Vestry.

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

(The Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church 1-5.00 pm)

Evening Prayer at 6.00 pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Parish of Little Berkhamsted in our Diocese.
The Scottish Episcopal Church, David Chillingworth its Primus,
and all its people.

Young people on the Church Army's "Xplore" programme.

The World: The work of USPG reaching out to migrants in Greece.
The work of Christian Aid combatting malaria in Nigeria.
All victims of terrorist violence.

The Community and Parish: Our local Police and Police Community Support
Officers.

All people vulnerable to hot weather.

Parents and children beginning school holidays.

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, 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:

Collect

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church:
 open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the
 Spirit in love and joy and peace;
 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 Hosea 1.2–10

A reading from the book of the prophet Hosea.

- ² When the LORD first spoke through Hosea, the LORD said to Hosea, ‘Go, take
 for yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land
 commits great whoredom by forsaking the LORD.’
- ³ So he went and took Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him
 a son.
- ⁴ And the LORD said to him, ‘Name him Jezreel; for in a little while I will punish the
 house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the
 house of Israel.
 On that day I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel.’
- ⁵ She conceived again and bore a daughter. Then the LORD said to him, ‘Name her
 Lo-ruhamah, for I will no longer have pity on the house of Israel or forgive them.
 But I will have pity on the house of Judah, and I will save them by the LORD their
 God; I will not save them by bow, or by sword, or by war, or by horses, or by
 horsemen.’
- ⁶ When she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived and bore a son.
- ⁷ Then the LORD said, ‘Name him Lo-ammi, for you are not my people and I am
 not your God.’
- ⁸ Yet the number of the people of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which can
 be neither measured nor numbered; and in the place where it was said to them,
 ‘You are not my people,’ it shall be said to them, ‘Children of the living God.’

SECOND READING Colossians 2.6–15

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

- Brothers and sisters,
⁶ as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him,
⁷ rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught,
 abounding in thanksgiving.
- ⁸ See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit,
 according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe,
 and not according to Christ.

9 For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily,
10 and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority.
11 In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the
body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ;
12 when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through
faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.
13 And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God
made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses,
14 erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside,
nailing it to the cross.
15 He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them,
triumphing over them in it.

GOSPEL Luke 11.1–13

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

1 Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples
said to him, ‘Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.’
2 He said to them, ‘When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your
kingdom come.
3 Give us each day our daily bread.
4 And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do
not bring us to the time of trial.’
5 And he said to them, ‘Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at
midnight and say to him, “Friend, lend me three loaves of bread;
6 for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.”
7 And he answers from within, “Do not bother me; the door has already been
locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you
anything.”
8 I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his
friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he
needs.
9 So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock,
and the door will be opened for you.
10 For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for
everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.
11 Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake
instead of a fish?
12 Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion?
13 If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much
more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!’

THIS WEEK

Mon	25	July	Toddlers' Group	10 – 11.30am
Tue	26	July	(Post natal class in choir vestry	9.30am – 11.30am)
Wed	27	July	Food Bank	10.00am – 12 noon
			Coffee in Church	10.30am – 12 noon
Thur	28	July	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
Sun	31	July	<u>TRINITY 10</u>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST (President and Preacher: Fr Geoff)	9.30am
			Children's Church	
			followed by Bring-&-Buy Sale	
			Evening Prayer	6.00pm

NOTICES

TEA ON THE TRIANGLE: Thank you to everyone who provided food for this and helped with setting up and clearing away. Everyone who came was able to enjoy the sunshine and spend a relaxing and pleasant afternoon. The sale of tickets, proceeds from the stalls and donations amounted to £205.20 which will go to Church funds.

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.

FINAL COPY DATE for August Sword is today Sunday, 24 July. Hard copy or floppy disc to Rob White or email to robwhite.watford@googlemail.com

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

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| Saturday 10 September: | There will be a working party to do jobs around the church. |
| Sunday 2 October 3-4 pm | Andy Benoy will give an organ recital. |
| Saturday 26 November | St Michael's Christmas Fair |