



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 11

7 August 2016

A warm welcome to our services today.

At 9.30 am there is our First Sunday of the Month Eucharist; Fr Geoff celebrates and leads the intercessions. There is an all-age presentation.

Hymns: 469, 260, 379 and 89

Setting: Said Service

Refreshments will be served in church afterwards – please stay on.

There is a Baby Blessing Service at 1.30 pm.

Evening Prayer at 6.00 pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Parish of Hitchin in our Diocese.

The Church of South India, Govada Dyvasirvadam its moderator, and all its people.

Church Army's new Centres of Mission.

The World:

All those affected by the violent attack in Russell Square, London.

All those taking part in and attending the Olympic Games.

Poor people in Brazil.

The Community and Parish:

Residents and Staff at Home Manor and St Anthony's.

Our Church's work with children and young people.

Harmony between people of different ethnicity, culture and politics.

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: Joyce Montague.

Collect

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:

mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure;

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: the Song of Solomon, Chapter 8, Verses 6b and 7 (Message Bible)

A reading from the Song of Solomon.

The fire of love stops at nothing—
it sweeps everything before it.

Flood waters can't drown love,
torrents of rain can't put it out.

Love can't be bought, love can't be sold—
it's not to be found in the marketplace.

This is the word of the Lord

GOSPEL Luke 12.32–40

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

Jesus said to his disciples,

- ³² ‘Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.
- ³³ Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys.
- ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
- ³⁵ Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit;
- ³⁶ be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks.
- ³⁷ Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them.
- ³⁸ If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.
- ³⁹ But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into.
- ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.’

THIS WEEK

Mon	8	Aug	Toddlers' Group	10 – 11.30am
Tue	9	Aug	(Post natal class in choir vestry	9.30am – 11.30am)
Wed	10	Aug	Food Bank	10.00am – 12 noon
			Coffee in Church	10.30am – 12 noon
			Service at Home Manor	2.30pm
Thur	11	Aug	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			Communion at St Anthony's	morning
Sat	13	Aug	Wedding	1.30pm
Sun	14	Aug	TRINITY 12	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST	9.30am
			(President and Preacher: Fr Geoff)	
			Children's Church	
			(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church	1.00 – 5.00pm)
			Evening Prayer	6.00pm

NOTICES

THE FUNERAL OF JOYCE MONTAGUE will be on Tuesday 16 August. Reception into Church at 11.30 am, private committal at West Herts Crematorium at 1.00 pm and a service of thanksgiving in Church at 1.45 pm to which all are welcome.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- Saturday 10 September: There will be a working party to do jobs around the church. *In addition on that day which is Heritage Day there will be -* Coffee Morning in aid of The Children's Society
Sponsored Bike n Hike
RSCM examinations in Choir Vestry
- Sunday 2 October 3-5 pm Andy Benoy will give an organ recital followed by refreshments.
- Saturday 26 November St Michael's Christmas Fair