



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 13

21 August 2016

A warm welcome to our services today.

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

Hymns: 555, 563, 435 (i) and 455

Setting: Thorne

Children's Church in Choir Vestry.

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

Evening Prayer at 6.00 pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Parish of Stotfold in our Diocese.

The Anglican Church of South America, Hector Zavala Munoz, its Presiding Bishop and all its people.

The Church helping Cyclone-devastated communities in Myanmar recover.

The World: Help for all young people with substance abuse problems or behavioural disorders.

Victims of Road Accidents.

People facing starvation in war-torn areas.

The Community and Parish: Racial equality and harmony in West Watford.

Students receiving A-level results this week.

All those who are vulnerable to hot weather.

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, 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 called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:

help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you;

through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Jeremiah 1.4–10

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

4 The word of the LORD came to me saying,

5 ‘Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.’

6 Then I said, ‘Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.’

7 But the LORD said to me, ‘Do not say, “I am only a boy”; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you,

8 Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD.’

9 Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, ‘Now I have put my words in your mouth.

10 See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.’

SECOND READING Hebrews 12.18–29

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

18 You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom,

19 and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them.

20 (For they could not endure the order that was given, ‘If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.’)

21 Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, ‘I tremble with fear.’)

22 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering,

23 and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,

- 24 and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.
- 25 See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven!
- 26 At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, ‘Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.’
- 27 This phrase, ‘Yet once more,’ indicates the removal of what is shaken – that is, created things – so that what cannot be shaken may remain.
- 28 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe;
- 29 for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

GOSPEL Luke 13.10–17

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

- 10 Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath.
- 11 And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight.
- 12 When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, ‘Woman, you are set free from your ailment.’
- 13 When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God.
- 14 But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, ‘There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.’
- 15 But the Lord answered him and said, ‘You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water?’
- 16 And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?’
- 17 When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

THIS WEEK

Mon	22	Aug	Toddlers' Group	10 – 11.30am
Tue	23	Aug	(Post natal class in choir vestry	9.30am – 11.30am)
Wed	24	Aug	Food Bank	10.00am – 12 noon
			Coffee in Church	10.30am – 12 noon
Thur	25	Aug	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
Sun	28	Aug	<u>TRINITY 14</u>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST	9.30am
			(President and Preacher: Fr Geoff)	
			Children's Church	
			followed by Bring-&-Buy Sale	
			(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church	1.00pm-5.00pm)
			Evening Prayer	6.00pm

NOTICES

FINAL COPY DATE for September Sword is today Sunday, 21 August. Hard copy or floppy disc to Rob White or email to robwhite.watford@googlemail.com

FOR YOUR DIARIES AND PLEASE BRING FRIENDS: In aid of New Hope and Watford Three Rivers Refugee Partnership, the Drama Students from Wesley College, Melbourne, Australia are performing "The Roaring Girl" at St Michael's on Wednesday 7 September at 7 pm. Tickets £5 to include light refreshments. Information from Jane Talbot tel 01923 226276 or email Jane at halfsentence@icloud.com. Tickets payable in advance by cheque.

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