



# THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

*St Michael and All Angels*

Watford

**TRINITY 15**  
**4 September 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: Leaflet**

**Setting: Thorne**

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

There is a meeting of the Social Committee after the 9.30 Service.

United Evening Service at St Michael's at 6.00 pm.

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## **For your prayers this week:**

**The Church:** The Parish of St Augustine, Limbury, Luton, in our Diocese.  
The Anglican Church of Tanzania, Jacob Erasto Chimeledya, its Archbishop, and all its people.

Church Army evangelists working with children.

**The World:** The work of USPG helping villagers in Zambia towards self-sufficiency.

The work of the Leprosy Mission.

Christian Aid helping refugees around the world.

**The Community and Parish:** Residents and Staff at River Court and St Anthony's.

The safety of Polish people and other Eastern Europeans in our communities.

Our visitors from Wesley College, Melbourne, Australia.

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

**The Departed:** Enid Rowley.

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**COLLECT**

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love:  
grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service;  
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:****A Reading from the book of Philemon, verses 1 to 7**

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

This is the word of the Lord

## **GOSPEL Luke 14.25–33**

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

<sup>25</sup> Large crowds were travelling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them,

<sup>26</sup> ‘Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple.

<sup>27</sup> Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

<sup>28</sup> For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it?

<sup>29</sup> Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him,

<sup>30</sup> saying, “This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.”

<sup>31</sup> Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand?

<sup>32</sup> If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace.

<sup>33</sup> So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

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The Funeral Service of Peter Taylor will take place in St Michael's Church at 2.30 pm on Monday, 12 September 2016. All welcome.

## THIS WEEK

Mon	5	Sep	Toddlers' Group	10 – 11.30am
			Discovering the Bible (Choir Vestry)	2.30pm
Tue	6	Sep	(Post natal class in choir vestry)	9.30am – 11.30am)
			Finance Committee (Clergy Vestry)	10.00am
			Service at River Court	2.30pm
Wed	7	Sep	Food Bank	10.00am – 12 noon
			Coffee in Church	10.30am – 12 noon
			Performance, and Social for Wesley College (see Notices)	7.00pm
Thur	8	Sep	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			St Anthony's	morning
			Choir Practice	7.00-8.30pm
Sat	10	Sep	<i>Heritage Day</i>	Various church activities (see Notices)
Sun	11	Sep	<b>TRINITY 16</b>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George)	8.00am
			<b>SUNG EUCHARIST</b>	<b>9.30am</b>
			(President and Preacher: Fr Geoff)	Children's Church
			(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church)	1.00 – 5.00pm)
			Evening Prayer	6.00 pm.

## NOTICES

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. Please come along and bring your friends. Tickets £5 to include light refreshments (BYO drinks). Information from Jane Talbot tel 01923 226276 or email Jane at halvesentence@icloud.com. Tickets payable in advance by cheque.

SATURDAY 10 SEPTEMBER is Heritage Day. The church will be open for visitors, there is a Coffee Morning from 10.30am to 12 noon in aid of the Children's Society, a sponsored Bike n Hike and RSCM examinations in the Choir Vestry. It is also our big Working Party day from 1 - 4pm. Our friends from the Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church have kindly offered to come and do some cleaning in church. So we hope that as many of us from St Michael's will come along and join them with such tasks as cleaning, polishing, minor repairs and maintenance jobs. Then there could be service book repairing and of course we shall need tea and coffee suppliers! There will be a sign-up list in Church from Sunday 28 August and we hope that as many as possible will join in. A big thank you in anticipation of lots of help.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY COFFEE MORNING on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> from 10.30 am – 12 noon. If anyone could help to set up tables on the Friday morning at about 11 am, Norma would be very grateful.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

**Sunday 2 October 3-5 pm** Andy Benoy will give an organ recital followed by refreshments.

**19th November, 9.30am – 4.00pm:** A Quiet Day, led by The Revd Jo Spray, at the Evangelical Sisterhood of Mary, Radlett, with the theme "Advent is a Season".