



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 16
11 September 2016

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Sung Eucharist; Fr Geoff celebrates and preaches. Sylvia Moring leads the intercessions.

Hymns: 474, 517, 318 and 437 (t362)

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 St Thomas Stopsley in our Diocese.

The Church of the Province of Uganda, Stanley Ntagali its Archbishop and all its people.

USPG's "Journey with Us" programme.

The World: All who produce our food.

The work of Christian Aid partners helping farmers in rural Kenya.

The work of Mercy Ships.

The Community and Parish: Residents and staff at Home Manor House.

Our Mothers Union Members.

Our friends of the Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church.

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:

COLLECT

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them;

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 Jeremiah 4.11–12, 22–28

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

- ¹¹ At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert towards my poor people, not to winnow or cleanse –
- ¹² a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgement against them.
- ²² ‘For my people are foolish, they do not know me; they are stupid children, they have no understanding. They are skilled in doing evil, but do not know how to do good.’
- ²³ I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void; and to the heavens, and they had no light.
- ²⁴ I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking, and all the hills moved to and fro.
- ²⁵ I looked, and lo, there was no one at all, and all the birds of the air had fled.
- ²⁶ I looked, and lo, the fruitful land was a desert, and all its cities were laid in ruins before the LORD, before his fierce anger.
- ²⁷ For thus says the LORD: The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end.
- ²⁸ Because of this the earth shall mourn, and the heavens above grow black; for I have spoken, I have purposed; I have not relented nor will I turn back.

SECOND READING I Timothy 1.12–17

A reading from the first letter of Paul to Timothy.

- ¹² I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service,
- ¹³ even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief,
- ¹⁴ and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.
- ¹⁵ The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners – of whom I am the foremost.
- ¹⁶ But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life.
- ¹⁷ To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL Luke 15.1–10

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

- ¹ All the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus.
- ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, ‘This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.’
- ³ So he told them this parable:
- ⁴ ‘Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it?
- ⁵ When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices.
- ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, “Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.”
- ⁷ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.
- ⁸ Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it?
- ⁹ When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, “Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.”
- ¹⁰ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.’

THIS WEEK

Mon	12	Sep	Toddlers' Group	10 – 11.30am
			Funeral of Peter Taylor	2.30pm
			Estates Committee (Choir Vestry)	8.00pm
Wed	14	Sep	Food Bank	10.00am – 12 noon
			Coffee in Church	10.30am – 12 noon
			Home Manor House	2.30pm
Thur	15	Sep	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			Coffee served afterwards in Choir Vestry. All Welcome.	
			NO Choir Practice	
Sun	18	Sep	TRINITY 17	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST	9.30am
			(President and Preacher: Fr George)	Children's Church
			Evening Prayer	6.00 pm.

NOTICES

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.

PRODUCTION BY DRAMA STUDENTS FROM WESLEY COLLEGE, MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA: A good-sized audience in church were well entertained by the play 'The Roaring Girl' which was followed by a Lasagne Supper for all. Thank you to everyone who was involved in a very enjoyable evening most particularly to the Talbot family.

SUNDAY 2nd OCTOBER: Andy Benoy is giving an organ recital in church to mark his 40 years of being organist at St Michael and All Angels. The concert is at 3 pm and will be followed by afternoon tea in the church. If you are able to help with providing the refreshments please indicate this on the sign up sheet at the back of church.

A FANTASTIC FIRST PRIZE has already been donated for our Grand Christmas Prize Draw. If you are someone or know someone with connections to "high places" in a local, national or international business whom we could ask for a donation of Second and Third prizes please let Sue Ellison know.

THE BRING-&-BUY SALE on 28th August raised £49.50. Many thanks to all who contributed.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Thursday, 29 September, Michaelmas Sung Eucharist at 8 pm followed by refreshments of cheese and wine.

Sunday, 2 October, 9.30 am Harvest Thanksgiving.

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