



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 17
18 September 2016

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Sung Eucharist; Fr George celebrates and preaches. Paul Chandler leads the intercessions.

Hymns: 418, 489 (i), 81 and 430

Setting: Thorne

Children's Church in Littlebury Hall.

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 All Saints Hertford, in our Diocese
The Diocese of Eastern Michigan (USA), Todd Ouseley its
Bishop and all its People
Church Army's work encouraging local community

The World: People across the world with HIV/AIDS
All who are at risk in the Hurricane Season
Sufferers from Alzheimer's Disease

The Community and Parish: Our Toddlers Group
Members of our PCC Committees
The West Watford Community Association

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, Mary Kearns, Lesley Kinch, Loretta Lynch, Dorcas
Ochola, Brian O'Riordan, Helen Perry, Christina Simon, Mark
Simon and Karen Stride.

The Departed: Roger Bowen

COLLECT

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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 8.18 – 9.1

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

The word of the LORD through the prophet:

- ¹⁸ My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick.
¹⁹ Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land: 'Is the LORD not in Zion? Is her King not in her?' ('Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?')
²⁰ 'The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.'
²¹ For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me.
²² Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored?
¹ O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people! =

SECOND READING I Timothy 2.1–7

A reading from the first letter of Paul to Timothy.

My dearly beloved,

- ¹ I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone,
² for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity.
³ This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour,
⁴ who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.
⁵ For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human,
⁶ who gave himself a ransom for all – this was attested at the right time.
⁷ For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

GOSPEL Luke 16.1–13

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

- ¹ Jesus said to the disciples, 'There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property.
- ² So he summoned him and said to him, "What is this that I hear about you? Give me an account of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer."
- ³ Then the manager said to himself, "What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg.
- ⁴ I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes."
- ⁵ So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, "How much do you owe my master?"
- ⁶ He answered, "A hundred jugs of olive oil." He said to him, "Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty."
- ⁷ Then he asked another, "And how much do you owe?" He replied, "A hundred containers of wheat." He said to him, "Take your bill and make it eighty."
- ⁸ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light.
- ⁹ And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.
- ¹⁰ Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much.
- ¹¹ If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches?
- ¹² And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own?
- ¹³ No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.'

THIS WEEK

Mon	19	Sep	Toddlers' Group	10 – 11.30am
Tue	20	Sep	(Post natal class in choir vestry)	9.30am – 11.30am)
Wed	21	Sep	Food Bank	10.00am – 12 noon
			Coffee in Church	10.30am – 12 noon
Thur	22	Sep	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			Choir Practice	7.00-8.30pm
Sun	25	Sep	TRINITY 18	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST	9.30am
			(President and Preacher: Fr Geoff)	Children's Church
			followed by a Bring-&-Buy Sale	
			(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church	1.00 – 5.00pm)
			Evening Prayer	6.00 pm.

NOTICES

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. Please come and invite friends and neighbours. 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.

NORMA'S COFFEE MORNING held during Heritage week-end raised £165.70 for the Children's Society. Many thanks to all who contributed.

FINAL COPY DATE for October Sword is next Sunday, 25 September. Hard copy to Rob White or email to robwhite.watford@googlemail.com

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.

Wednesday, 5 October at 7.55pm; revised date for PCC meeting.

NB PCC meeting scheduled for 21st September is cancelled

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".

Saturday, 26 November, Christmas Fair. Have you invited any friends to come to lunch at the Fair?