



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 20

9 October 2016

A warm welcome to our services.

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

Hymns: 605 t416(ii), 617, 347 and 609

Setting: Thorne

Children's Church in Littlebury Hall.

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

(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church 1.00pm – 7.00pm)

Evening Prayer at 6.00 pm in Littlebury Hall.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Parish of Oakley in our Diocese.

The Church in the Province of The West Indies, John Holder its Archbishop and all its people.

The Anglican Church in Tanzania.

The World: People who work in Marriage Guidance.

Church Army's work with vulnerable women.

All those affected by Hurricane Matthew.

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

All those who work hard so that we can have social events at Church.

The Littlebury Children's Centre.

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 and Mark Simon.

The Departed:

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COLLECT

God, the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church:
by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ and make us
eager to do your will, that we may share with the whole creation the
joys of eternal life;
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 29.1, 4–7

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

¹ These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent
from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the
priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had
taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.

⁴ Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles
whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon:

⁵ Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they
produce.

⁶ Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons,
and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and
daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease.

⁷ But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and
pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your
welfare.

SECOND READING 2 Timothy 2.8–15

A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy.

⁸ Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David
– that is my gospel,

⁹ for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a
criminal. But the word of God is not chained.

¹⁰ Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.
¹¹ The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him;
¹² if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us;
¹³ if we are faithless, he remains faithful – for he cannot deny himself.
¹⁴ Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening.
¹⁵ Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

GOSPEL Luke 17.11–19

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

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee.
¹² As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance,
¹³ they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!'
¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean.
¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice.
¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan.
¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they?
¹⁸ Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?'
¹⁹ Then he said to the Samaritan, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

THIS WEEK

Mon	10	Oct	Toddlers' Group	10 – 11.30am
Tue	11	Oct	(Post-natal class in Choir Vestry Intercessory Prayer Group (Choir Vestry)	9.30 - 11.30am) 2.30pm
Wed	12	Oct	Food Bank Coffee in Church Service at Home Manor	10.00am – 12 noon 10.30am – 12 noon 2.30pm
Thur	13	Oct	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language) NO Choir Practice Social Committee (Choir Vestry)	10.00am 8.00pm
Sun	16	Oct	<u>TRINITY 21</u> Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George) SUNG EUCHARIST (President: Fr Geoff, Preacher from Peace Hospice) Children's Church Baptism Evening Prayer	8.00am 9.30am 1.00pm 6.00 pm.

NOTICES

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.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE 16th-23rd October 2016: Copies of the prayer leaflet will be available for all next Sunday. There will be a service at the end of the week at Friends' Meeting House starting at 7.30 pm on 23rd October. (See article in the October Sword.)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

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? How can you help this year? Please read Kristine's article in the October Sword to see.