



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 21
16 October 2016

A warm welcome to our services.

At the 9.30 am Sung Eucharist; Fr Geoff celebrates and the speaker is Gemma Shortman from The Peace Hospice. Vicki Matthews leads the intercessions.

Hymns: 585 (omit *), 385, 482 and 267

Setting: Thorne

Children's Church in Littlebury Hall.

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

Baptism at 1.00 pm.

Evening Prayer at 6.00 pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Parish of Sharnbrook in our Deanery.

The Church of Ceylon, Dhiloraj Ranjit Canagasabey, Bishop of Colombo, and all the people of that Church.

Church Army evangelists in active ministry.

The World: People affected by destructive mining in the Philippines.

All those facing food shortages today on World Food Day.

The people of Aleppo.

The Community and Parish: Rebecca Chandler and Matthew Sells who were married yesterday in Amersham.

Our Mothers' Union Members.

Staff, students and governors at Laurance Haines School.

All those taking part in the Week of Prayer for World Peace.

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, Michele Rodford,

Christina Simon and Mark Simon.

The Departed:

COLLECT

Grant, we beseech you, merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; 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 31.27–34

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

- 27 The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals.
- 28 And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the LORD.
- 29 In those days they shall no longer say: ‘The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge.’
- 30 But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge.
- 31 The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah.
- 32 It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt – a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD.
- 33 But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.
- 34 No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

SECOND READING 2 Timothy 3.14 – 4.5

A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy.

- ¹⁴ Continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it,
¹⁵ and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.
¹⁶ All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,
¹⁷ so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.
¹ In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you:
² proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching.
³ For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires,
⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths.
⁵ As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

GOSPEL Luke 18.1–8

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

- ¹ Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart.
² He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people.
³ In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent."
⁴ For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone,
⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming."
⁶ And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says.
⁷ And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them?
⁸ I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'

THIS WEEK

Mon	17	Oct	Toddlers' Group	10 – 11.30am
Tue	18	Oct	(Post-natal class in Choir Vestry Laurance Haines School Rehearsal	9.30 - 11.30am 1.30pm
Wed	19	Oct	Food Bank Coffee in Church	10.00am – 12 noon 10.30am – 12 noon
Thur	20	Oct	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language) Coffee in Choir Vestry for all after service NO Choir Practice	10.00am
Fri	21	Oct	Laurance Haines School Harvest Celebration	9.30am - 12 noon
Sun	23	Oct	<u>LAST AFTER TRINITY</u> Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff) SUNG EUCHARIST (President: Fr Geoff, Preacher: Martin Heath) Children's Church Week of Prayer for World Peace gathering at the Friends' Meeting House	8.00am 9.30am 7.30 pm.

NOTICES

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE 16th-23rd October 2016:
Copies of the prayer leaflet are at the back of church. Please take one and use it for prayer this week. 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.)

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Sunday, 30 October at 9.30 am, Memorial Service

Wednesday, 9th November: The Bishop of St Albans will be coming to the Watford Deanery, and there will be a special service at St Luke's, Langley Way, at 7.30pm, to which we are all invited, to celebrate all that is happening in Living God's Love in our Deanery.

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 what you can do.

Sunday, 4 December, Christingle Service