



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

PENTECOST
Sunday 4 June 2017

A warm welcome to our services today.

At 9.30 am there is our First Sunday of the Month Eucharist; Fr Geoff celebrates and the children lead the intercessions. There is an all-age presentation.

Hymns are on a separate leaflet

Setting: Thorne

Coffee and tea will be served in church after the 9.30 service – please stay on.

(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church 12 noon – 5.00pm)

Christians Across Watford Bandstand Service, Cassiobury Park 2.00pm

Evening Prayer 6.00 pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Parish of Wallingford in our Diocese.

The Diocese of North East India, Michael Herenz its Bishop, and all its people.

People working with the World Church in placements with USPG.

The World: Victims of the recent truck bombing in Kabul.

The people of Yemen, facing war, starvation and disease.

Thursday's General Election in the UK.

The Community and Parish: The Christian Churches of Watford.

Thanksgiving for the harmony found at Celebration 2017.

All local voters, candidates and tellers in Thursday's election.

The Ill and the Housebound: Especially Gavin Ashenden, Christopher Bilson, Janet Bridge, Robert Caton, Peter Coley, Marion Craddock-Jones, Judith Degen, Audrey Dixon, Claire Dunning, Peter Hinchey, Kristine Jenkins, Mary Kearns, Lesley Kinch, Loretta Lynch, Dorcas Ochola, Brian O'Riordan, Helen Perry, Pat Ricketts, Michele Rodford, Christina Simon, Mark Simon, Mark Watkin; and all who care for them.

The Departed:

Collect

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:
grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Acts 2: 1-8

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?"

This is the word of the Lord

GOSPEL John 20.19–23

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

- ¹⁹ It was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.'
- ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.
- ²¹ Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'
- ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.
- ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

THIS WEEK				
Mon	5	June	Toddlers' Group Discovering the Bible (Choir Vestry)	10 – 11.30am 2.30pm
Tue	6	June	Service at River Court	2.30pm
Wed	7	June	Food Bank Coffee	10.00am – 12 noon 10.30am – 12 noon
Thu	8	June	<i>GENERAL ELECTION</i> Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language) St Anthony's Choir Practice	10.00am morning 7.00 – 8.30pm
Sun	11	June	<u>TRINITY SUNDAY</u> Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff) SUNG EUCHARIST (President and Preacher: Fr Geoff) Children's Church in Littlebury Hall THE BIG LUNCH Evening Prayer	8.00am 9.30am 12 noon 6.00pm

NOTICES

THE BIG LUNCH is on Sunday 11th June at 12.00 noon.

Bring-and-Share lunch for all in church

**You and friends and neighbours are invited to bring your food
from 11.30 am**

Start to eat from 12 noon

OUTING TO WINCHESTER on the 15th July (St Swithin's Day!) If you would like to go on an outing to Winchester on that day, there is a sign-up list in Church. We will be going in cars, so please indicate whether you need or can offer a lift. Distance is approximately 70 miles.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 18th June at 3.00pm - Animal Blessing Service

Saturday 24th June from 11.00 am The Alban Pilgrimage (see June *Sword*)

Sunday 25th June - the preacher at the 9.30 will be Margaret Pritchard who is the Diocesan Childrens Work Advisor.