



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY SUNDAY
Sunday 11 June 2017

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist Fr Geoff celebrates and preaches. Graham Mordue leads the intercessions.

Hymns: 426, 421, 392 and 466

Setting: Thorne

Children's Church in Littlebury Hall

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

THE BIG LUNCH is today at 12 noon (see Notices)

Evening Prayer at 6.00 pm.

For your prayers this week:

- The Church:** The Parish of Northaw and Cuffley in our Diocese.
The Diocese of Northern California, Barry Beisner its Bishop,
and all its people.
Young adults training with Church Army's Xplore programme.
- The World:** All those affected by terrorist attacks in Manchester, Kabul, and London.
Peace in the Holy Land.
Africa's orphaned children.
- The Community and Parish:** Everyone attending our Big Lunch.
Residents and Staff at Home Manor
All those who work with the emergency services.
- 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

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity:

keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities;

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 Isaiah 40.12–17, 27–31

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

¹² Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand and marked off the heavens with a span, enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance?

¹³ Who has directed the spirit of the LORD, or as his counsellor has instructed him?

¹⁴ Whom did he consult for his enlightenment, and who taught him the path of justice? Who taught him knowledge, and showed him the way of understanding?

¹⁵ Even the nations are like a drop from a bucket, and are accounted as dust on the scales; see, he takes up the isles like fine dust.

¹⁶ Lebanon would not provide fuel enough, nor are its animals enough for a burnt-offering.

¹⁷ All the nations are as nothing before him; they are accounted by him as less than nothing and emptiness.

²⁷ Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, 'My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God'?

²⁸ Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.

²⁹ He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.
³⁰ Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted;
³¹ but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 13.5, 11–13

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

⁵ Examine yourselves to see whether you are living in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not realise that Jesus Christ is in you? - unless, indeed, you fail to pass the test!
¹¹ Brothers and sisters, put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.
¹² Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.
¹³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

GOSPEL Matthew 28.16–20

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

¹⁶ The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them.
¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted.
¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.
¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

THIS WEEK

Mon	12	June	Toddlers' Group	10 – 11.30am
Wed	14	June	Food Bank	10.00am – 12 noon
			Coffee	10.30am – 12 noon
			Service at Home Manor	2.30pm
Thu	15	June	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			Followed by coffee in Choir Vestry	
			NO Choir Practice	
Sat	17	June	Memorial Service for Graham Gower	2.30pm
Sun	18	June	<u>TRINITY 1</u>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST	9.30am
			(President and Preacher: Fr George)	
			Children's Church in Littlebury Hall	
			Animal Blessing Service	3.00pm
			Evening Prayer	6.00pm

NOTICES

THE BIG LUNCH is today 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

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 Children's Work Advisor.

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