



# THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

*St Michael and All Angels*

Watford

TRINITY 2

Sunday 25 June 2017

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist Fr Geoff celebrates and the preacher is Margaret Pritchard-Houston, Diocesan Children's Mission Enabler. Vicki Matthews leads the intercessions.

**Hymns: 557 (i), 201, 279 and 394 (t.267)**

**Setting: Thorne**

Children's Church in Littlebury Hall

Margaret Pritchard-Houston will also be giving a short presentation after the service to which all are welcome.

Coffee and tea will be served in church after the 9.30 service and there is a Bring-&-Buy Sale – please stay on.

(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church 1.00 – 5.00pm)

Evening Prayer at 6.00 pm.

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## **For your prayers this week:**

### **The Church:**

The Parish of Linslade in our Diocese.

The Diocese of Nyahururu (Kenya) Stephen Kabora its Bishop and all its People.

Children's work and youth work in our Diocese.

### **The World:**

The Queen and the Royal Family.

All those recovering from recent tragedies, accidental and deliberate.

All Members of Parliament.

### **The Community and Parish:**

Our work with Children and Young People at St Michaels.

The Schools in our Parish.

Our Muslim friends and neighbours.

### **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, Blossom Hutchinson, Kristine Jenkins, Lionel Jones, 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:**

Nicholas Weeks.

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**Collect**

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you.

Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**FIRST READING Genesis 21.8–21**

A reading from the book of Genesis.

<sup>8</sup> The child Isaac grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned.

<sup>9</sup> But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac.

<sup>10</sup> So she said to Abraham, 'Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac.'

<sup>11</sup> The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son.

<sup>12</sup> But God said to Abraham, 'Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named after you.

<sup>13</sup> As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring.'

<sup>14</sup> So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

<sup>15</sup> When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes.

<sup>16</sup> Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, 'Do not let me look on the death of the child.' And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept.

<sup>17</sup> And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, 'What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is.

<sup>18</sup> Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him.'

<sup>19</sup> Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink.

<sup>20</sup> God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow.

<sup>21</sup> He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

**SECOND READING Romans 6.1b–11**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

<sup>1</sup> Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound?

<sup>2</sup> By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it?

3 Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were  
baptized into his death?  
4 Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as  
Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in  
newness of life.  
5 For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united  
with him in a resurrection like his.  
6 We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be  
destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin.  
7 For whoever has died is freed from sin.  
8 But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.  
9 We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no  
longer has dominion over him.  
10 The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.  
11 So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

### **GOSPEL Matthew 10.24–39**

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

Jesus summoned the twelve and sent them out with the following instruction:  
24 'A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master;  
25 it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If  
they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they  
malign those of his household!  
26 So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and  
nothing secret that will not become known.  
27 What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered,  
proclaim from the housetops.  
28 Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who  
can destroy both soul and body in hell.  
29 Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground  
unperceived by your Father.  
30 And even the hairs of your head are all counted.  
31 So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.  
32 Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge  
before my Father in heaven;  
33 but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.  
34 Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to  
bring peace, but a sword.  
35 For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother,  
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;  
36 and one's foes will be members of one's own household.  
37 Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever  
loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me;  
38 and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me.  
39 Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will  
find it.

### **THIS WEEK**

Mon	26	June	Toddlers' Group	10 – 11.30am
Wed	28	June	Food Bank	10.00am – 12 noon
			Coffee	10.30am – 12 noon
Thu	29	June	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
Sun	2	July	<b>TRINITY 3</b>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George)	8.00am
			<b>FIRST SUNDAY of MONTH SUNG EUCHARIST</b>	<b>9.30am</b>
			(President: Fr Geoff; All-Age Presentation)	
			Holy Baptism	3.00pm
			(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church)	4.30 9.00pm

### **NOTICES**

FINAL COPY DATE FOR THE JULY SWORD is MIDDAY today Sunday, 25 June. Hard copy to Rob White or email to [swordparishmagazine@googlegmail.com](mailto:swordparishmagazine@googlegmail.com).

OUTING TO WINCHESTER on the 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

PLANTS FOR SALE! from New Hope's Community Market Garden. Just round the corner at 64 Rickmansworth Road, open 2-4 pm on Thursday 29 June and 6 July. Special offers on veg plants!

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 3 July Discovering the Bible (Choir Vestry) 2.30 pm

Wednesday 12 July PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL 7.30 pm