



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 3

Sunday 2 July 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

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

Holy Baptism at 3.00 pm.

(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church 4.30 pm – 9.00 pm)

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Parish of Totternhoe in our Diocese.

The Diocese of Ogori Magongo (Nigeria) Festus Davies its Bishop and all its People.

The health work of USPG in Lesotho.

The World: Peace in South Sudan.

The fight against cholera in Yemen.

Residents of high rise tower blocks in the UK.

The Community and Parish: Leaders of Faith Communities in Watford.

Residents and Staff at River Court.

Our Toddlers Group and its leaders.

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

The Departed: Pat Ricketts.

Collect

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God;
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 Deuteronomy 15: 7-11

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy

When you happen on someone who's in trouble or needs help among the people you live with in this land that God, your God, is giving you, don't look the other way pretending you don't see him.

Don't keep a tight grip on your purse. No. Look at him, open your purse, lend whatever and as much as he needs. Don't count the cost. Don't listen to that selfish voice and turn aside and leave your needy neighbour in the lurch, refusing to help him. He'll call God's attention to you and your blatant sin.

Give freely and spontaneously. Don't have a stingy heart. The way you handle matters like this triggers God, your God's, blessing in everything you do, all your work and ventures.

There are always going to be poor and needy people among you. So I command you: Always be generous, open purse and hands, give to your neighbours in trouble, your poor and hurting neighbours.

This is the word of the Lord

GOSPEL Matthew 10.40–42

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

Jesus said to the twelve:

- ⁴⁰ ‘Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.
- ⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous;
- ⁴² and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple – truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.’

THIS WEEK

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| Mon | 3 | July | Toddlers' Group | 10 – 11.30am |
| | | | Discovering the Bible (Choir Vestry) | 2.30pm |
| Tue | 4 | July | Service at River Court | 2.30pm |
| Wed | 5 | July | Food Bank | 10.00am – 12 noon |
| | | | Coffee | 10.30am – 12 noon |
| | | | Finance Committee (Choir Vestry) | 7.30 pm |
| Thu | 6 | July | Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language) | 10.00am |
| | | | Choir Practice | 7.00 – 8.30pm |
| Sun | 9 | July | <u>TRINITY 4</u> | |
| | | | Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff) | 8.00am |
| | | | SUNG EUCHARIST | 9.30am |
| | | | (President and Preacher: Fr Geoff) | |
| | | | Children's Church in Littlebury Hall | |
| | | | Evening Prayer | 6.00pm |

NOTICES

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

THE 40th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION OF WATFORD INTERFAITH ASSOCIATION will be at the James Theatre, Watford Grammar School for Boys, on Sunday 9th July, at 2.30pm – 5.30pm

All Welcome! Speaker is Dr Harriet Crabtree, Director of the Interfaith Network for the UK.

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

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| 12 July | PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL | 7.30 pm |
| 30 July | SUNG EUCHARIST (President and Preacher: Rev David Tuck) | 9.30 am |