



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

THE TRANSFIGURATION

Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 6 August 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: 273, 18, 380 and 383

Setting: Thorne

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

TEA ON THE TRIANGLE at 3.00pm (see Notices)

Evening Prayer in the Lady Chapel at 6.00pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Parish of Widford in our Diocese.

The Diocese of Puerto Rico, Wilfrido Orench, its Bishop and All its People.

The Internal Province of West Africa, its people and mission.

The World: The people of Venezuela.

Christian Aid's work providing seeds, tools and fishing nets to needy communities.

The Wales National Eisteddfod.

The Community and Parish: Residents and staff at Home Manor and St Anthony's.

Our Children's Church.

Our Toddlers' Group.

The Ill and the Housebound: Especially Christopher Bilson, Janet Bridge, 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: Robert Caton.

Collect

Father in heaven,
whose Son Jesus Christ was wonderfully transfigured before chosen witnesses upon the holy mountain, and spoke of the exodus he would accomplish at Jerusalem:
give us strength so to hear his voice and bear our cross that in the world to come we may see him as he is; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Daniel 7.9–10, 13–14

A reading from the book of Daniel.

- ⁹ As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire.
- ¹⁰ A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousand served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgement, and the books were opened.
- ¹³ As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him.
- ¹⁴ To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

SECOND READING 2 Peter 1.16-19

A reading from the second letter of Peter.

¹⁶ We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty.

¹⁷ For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

¹⁸ We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹ So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

GOSPEL Luke 9.28b-36

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

²⁸ Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray.

²⁹ And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white.

³⁰ Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him.

³¹ They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

³² Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him.

³³ Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' Peter did not know what he said.

³⁴ While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud.

³⁵ Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!'

³⁶ When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

THIS WEEK

Mon	7	Aug	Toddlers' Group	10.00 – 11.30am
			Discovering the Bible (Choir Vestry)	2.30pm
Tue	8	Aug	Intercessory Prayer Group (Choir Vestry)	2.30pm
			Estates Committee (Choir Vestry)	7.30pm
Wed	9	Aug	Food Bank	10.00am – 12 noon
			Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
			Service at Home Manor	3.00pm
Thur	10	Aug	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			St Anthony's	morning
			Children's Church Planning Day (All welcome)	11.30am – 2.00pm
			NO Choir Practice	
Sat	12	Aug	African Apostolic Church	10.00am – 5.00pm
Sun	13	Aug	TRINITY 9	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George)	
			SUNG EUCHARIST	9.30am
			President and preacher: Fr George	
			Children's Church in Littlebury Hall	
			(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church)	1.00 – 5.00pm)
			Evening Prayer	6.00pm)

NOTICES

TEA ON THE TRIANGLE: This afternoon, Sunday 6th August, at 3 pm. Bring something to eat and share and a chair. A chance for a catch up and chat with our church family. Friends welcome.

BRING-&-BUY SALE: Last week this raised £46 for church funds. Thank you to all who supported this.

SWORD: The August edition of *Sword* is available for collection at the back of church.

CHOIR PRACTICES: There will be no Choir Practices throughout the whole of August to enable our Choir to enjoy a well-deserved rest.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

18 August at 7.30pm: There will be a concert in St Michael's by the Watford Youth Sinfonia who will play Strauss' Four Last Songs and Mahler's 9th Symphony. You may remember they gave a very enjoyable concert here on 30th March last.

10 September: Many of you know that Andy is leaving us. On 10th September he will play for his last service. This will be followed by lunch. Offers of help please to Elizabeth and Valerie B.