



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 12

Sunday 3 September 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: 4, 294, 582 and 622

Setting: Thorne

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

Evening Prayer 6.00 pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Parish of St Andrew, Luton, in our Diocese.

The Diocese of San Diego (USA), James Mathes its Bishop, and all its people.

All who act as Spiritual Directors.

The World:

Victims of Tropical Storm Harvey in Texas and Louisiana.

Victims of flooding in Bangladesh, India and Pakistan.

The Fair Trade movement.

The Community and Parish: Residents and Staff at River Court.

Our Heritage Open Day, Bike n' Hike, and Coffee Morning Visitors.

Our Church finances.

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, Michele

Rodford, Christina Simon, Mark Simon, Mark Watkin; and all

who care for them.

The Departed: Joice Craig.

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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 Romans 12: 9-18

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

This is the word of the Lord

GOSPEL Matthew 16.21–28

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

²¹ From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.

²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, ‘God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.’

²³ But he turned and said to Peter, ‘Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.’

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, ‘If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷ For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done.

²⁸ Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.’

THIS WEEK				
Mon	4	Sep	Toddlers' Group Discovering the Bible (Choir Vestry)	10 – 11.30am 2.30pm
Tue	5	Sep	Social Committee (Choir Vestry) Funeral Refreshments (in Church) Service at River Court Finance Committee ?	10.30am 11.00am – 1.00pm 2.30pm 7.30pm
Wed	6	Sep	Food Bank Coffee	10.00am – 12 noon 10.30am – 12 noon
Thu	7	Sep	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language) Choir Practice	10.00am 7.00 – 8.30pm
Sat	9	Sep	Heritage Open Day (see Notices)	All day
Sun	10	Sep	TRINITY 13 Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George) SUNG EUCHARIST (President and Preacher: Fr Geoff) Children's Church in Littlebury Hall Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church Evening Prayer	8.00am 9.30am 1.00pm – 5.00pm 6.00pm

NOTICES

Saturday 9 September:- Heritage Open Day. Church open all day
Sponsored Bike'n Hike in aid of Herts & Beds Historic Churches;
Coffee Morning in aid of The Children's Society 10.30 - 12 noon.

Sunday 10 September: Most of you know that Andy is leaving us. On 10th September he will play for his last service at St Michael's. This will be followed by lunch. If you are able to provide anything for the lunch please sign the list on the bier at the back of church.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 13 September, the Diocesan Stewardship Advisor will be visiting us to help us think about our giving. There will be a meeting at 8.00 pm in the Littlebury Hall, including Cheese and Wine. Everyone is very welcome.

Saturday 16 September: Children's Church Canal Boat Trip 9 am - 5 pm.

Saturday 16 and 23 September Working Party 9 am - 5 pm

1 October:- Harvest Lunch.