



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

PENTECOST
20 May 2018

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist Fr George celebrates and preaches. Violet Allen-Smith leads the intercessions.

Hymns: 505, 191, 182 and 430

Setting: Thorne

Children's Church in Littlebury Hall.

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

Holy Baptism 3.00 pm.

Evening Prayer at 6.00 pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Parish of Hinxworth in our Diocese.

The Diocese of Colorado (USA), Robert O'Neill its Bishop and all its people.

The Anglican Diocese of the Amazon.

The World: The people of Israel and the Palestinian people.

Peace on the Korean Peninsula and in Indonesia.

Prince Harry and Meghan.

The Community and Parish: "The African Apostolic Church.

West Watford Free Church.

Trinity Methodist Church.

The Ill and the Housebound: Especially Christopher Bilson, Peter Coley, Marion Craddock-Jones, Kate Dickinson, Audrey Dixon, Cynthia Dixon, Sister Dominic, Claire Dunning, Jemima Hill, Peter Hinchey, Mary Kearns, Lesley Kinch, Loretta Lynch, Dorcas Ochola, Brian O'Riordan, Michele Rodford, Christina Simon, Mark Simon, Peter White; and all who care for them.

The Departed:

Collect

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:
grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Acts 2.1–21

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

- ¹ When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.
² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.
³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.
⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.
⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem.
⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in their native language.
⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?
⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?
⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,
¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,
¹¹ Cretans and Arabs – in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.'
¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?'
¹³ But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'
¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.
¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning.
¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:
¹⁷ "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.
¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.
¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

- 20 The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of
the Lord's great and glorious day.
21 Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

SECOND READING Romans 8.22–27

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

- 22 We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now;
23 and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit,
groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.
24 For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes
for what is seen?
25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.
26 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as
we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.
27 And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because
the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

GOSPEL John 15.26–27, 16.4b–15

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

Jesus spoke to his disciples:

- 26 'When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of
truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf.
27 You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.
4 I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember
that I told you about them. I did not say these things to you from the beginning,
because I was with you.
5 But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, "Where are
you going?"
6 But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts.
7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do
not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.
8 And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness
and judgement:
9 about sin, because they do not believe in me;
10 about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no
longer;
11 about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.
12 I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.
13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not
speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the
things that are to come.
14 He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you.
15 All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine
and declare it to you.'

THIS WEEK

Mon	21	May	Toddlers' Group	10.00 – 11.30am
Wed	23	May	Food Bank	10.00am – 12 noon
			Coffee in Church	10.30am – 12 noon
Thur	24	May	Holy Communion	10.00am
Sun	27	May	<u>TRINITY SUNDAY</u>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST (President and Preacher: Fr Geoff)	9.30am
			Children's Church in Littlebury Hall	
			Followed by a Bring-&-Buy Sale.	
			Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church	
			Evening Prayer	6.00pm

NOTICES

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK: 13-19 May. See Vicki Matthews' note in Sword. Envelopes for your gifts are at the back of the church. Last day.

PEOPLE ARE NEEDED to serve on our PCC Committees, Finance, Social, Mission, Estates. Please sign up on lists at the back of Church if you can help

BIG LUNCH on 3 June, 12 noon – 2.00 pm. Bring and Share Lunch – all welcome. Please sign the list at the back to indicate what dishes you will be able to bring

OPEN DAY for New Hope Community Market Garden is on Saturday 2nd June from 10.30am- 3.00pm at 64 Rickmansworth Road. Plants, produce, music and children's activities. This is always an enjoyable event, in a lovely garden and with lots going on! See Martin or Gillian for more information.

CONCERT COMING UP – “A CELEBRATION OF SONG”

St Michael and All Angels Church
in conjunction with Watford Peace Hospice present a Charity Benefit Concert:

A Celebration of Song

New Tottenham Singers with contemporary, traditional and sacred music in the church on

Saturday 30th June 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

Followed by CHEESE and BISCUITS (Wine and soft drinks available at bar)
Tickets £15.00

Please see Elizabeth Watkin for more details.