



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY SUNDAY
27 May 2018

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist Fr Geoff celebrates and preaches. Sylvia Moring leads the intercessions.

Hymns: 202, 426, 203 and 523

Setting: Thorne

Children's Church in Littlebury Hall.

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

(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church 1.00 – 5.00 pm)

Evening Prayer at 6.00 pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: Church schools in our Diocese.
The Parish of Royston in our Diocese.
The Anglican Church of Korea, Onesimus Dongsin Park, its Primate, and all its people.

The World: Peace and justice across the world.
Peace between people of different faiths or no faith.
Victims of natural disaster in Haiti.

The Community and Parish: Our PCC members.
Our work with children and young people.
Watford Interfaith Association.

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, Christina Simon, Mark Simon, Peter White; and all who care for them.

The Departed: Ian Haig (Fiona Mephams' father).

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity:
keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities;
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 Isaiah 6.1–8

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

- ¹ In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple.
- ² Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew.
- ³ And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.'
- ⁴ The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke.
- ⁵ And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!'
- ⁶ Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs.
- ⁷ The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.'
- ⁸ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

SECOND READING Romans 8.12–17

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

- ¹² Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh
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- ¹³ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.
- ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.
- ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!'
- ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God,
- ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ – if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

GOSPEL John 3.1-17

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

¹ There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews.

² He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.'

³ Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.'

⁴ Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?'

⁵ Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit.

⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit.

⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above."

⁸ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.'

⁹ Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?'

¹⁰ Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?'

¹¹ Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony.

¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?'

¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.

¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,

¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷ Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'

THIS WEEK

Mon	28	May	<i>Bank Holiday</i> NO Toddlers' Group	
Wed	30	May	Food Bank Coffee in Church PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL	10.00am – 12 noon 10.30am – 12 noon 7.25pm for 7.30pm
Thur	31	May	Holy Communion	10.00am
Sun	3	June	<u>TRINITY 1</u> Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George) SUNG EUCHARIST (President: Fr Geoff) (First Sunday booklet; All Age Presentation) Followed by refreshments BIG LUNCH (see Notices) Evening Prayer	8.00am 9.30am 12 noon – 2.00pm 6.00pm

NOTICES

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
FINAL COPY DATE FOR THE JUNE SWORD is midday today, Sunday, 27th May. Hard copy to Rob White or email to swordparishmagazine@googlemail.com.

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.