



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 1
3 June 2018

A warm welcome to our services today.

There is our monthly “First Sunday of the Month Service” at 9.30 am. Fr Geoff celebrates and there will be a Presentation by the children.

Hymns: 1, “This is the day”, 418 and “You shall go out with joy”.

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

THE BIG LUNCH at 12 NOON. (See Notices)

Evening Prayer at 6.00 pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Parish of Walkern in our Diocese.

The Anglican Church of Melanesia, George Takeli its Archbishop and all its people.

The work of USPG supporting global development.

The World: Survivors and bereaved families from the Grenfell disaster.

The people of Italy in political turmoil.

The people of Liege in Belgium following the terrorist attack there.

The Community and Parish: Our mayor, Peter Taylor.

Staff and residents at River Court.

All taking part in the Big Lunch.

The Ill and the Housebound: Especially Christopher Bilson, Peter Coley, Marion Craddock-Jones, Kate Dickinson, Audrey Dixon, Cynthia Dixon, 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:

Collect

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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 I Samuel 3.1–10

A reading from the first book of Samuel.

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was.

Then the LORD called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down.

The LORD called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

This is the word of the Lord

GOSPEL Mark 2.23 – 3.6

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

²³ One sabbath Jesus was going through the cornfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain.

²⁴ The Pharisees said to him, 'Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?'

25 And he said to them, 'Have you never read what David did when he and his
companions were hungry and in need of food?
26 He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of
the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave
some to his companions.'
27 Then he said to them, 'The sabbath was made for humankind and not humankind
for the sabbath;
28 so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath.'
1 Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand.
2 They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they
might accuse him.
3 And he said to the man who had the withered hand, 'Come forward.'
4 Then he said to the Pharisees, 'Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the
sabbath, to save life or to kill?' But they were silent.
5 He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart
and said to the man, 'Stretch out your hand.' He stretched it out, and his hand was
restored.
6 The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against
Jesus, how to destroy him.

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Hymn 2: "This is the day"

**This is the day, this is the day
That the Lord has made, that the Lord has made.
We will rejoice, we will rejoice
and be glad in it and be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord has made,
We will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day
That the Lord has made**

Hymn 4: "You shall go out with joy"

**You shall go out with joy, and be led forth in peace,
And the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you.
There'll be shouts of joy, and the trees of the field shall clap, shall clap
their hands.
And the trees of the field shall clap their hands,
And the trees of the field shall clap their hands,
And the trees of the field shall clap their hands,
And you'll go out with joy.**

THIS WEEK

Mon	4	June	Toddlers' Group	10.00 – 11.30am
			Discovering the Bible	2.30pm
Tue	5	Jun	River Court Service	2.30pm
Wed	6	June	Food Bank	10.00am – 12 noon
			Coffee in Church	10.30am – 12 noon
Thur	7	June	Holy Communion	10.00am
Sun	10	June	<u>TRINITY 2</u>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST (President and Preacher: Fr Geoff)	9.30am
			(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church	1.00 – 10.00pm)

NOTICES

BIG LUNCH today 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.

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.

BRING-AND-BUY SALE: Last week's sale raised £48. Thank you to all who contributed.

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 and tickets.