



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 5
1 July 2018

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist Fr Geoff celebrates and preaches. Paul Chandler leads the intercessions.

Hymns: 475, 346 (t.ii), 308 (t.i) and 598 (t.ii)

Setting: Thorne

Children's Church in Littlebury Hall.

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

(Union Christian Fellowship 5.00pm – 10.30pm)

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Bishops of St Albans, Hertford and Bedford in our Diocese.
The Church of North India, Prem Chand Singh, its Moderator,
and all its people.
The Anglican Church in Zimbabwe.

The World: Victims of poverty and inequality in Zimbabwe.
Chaplains in health, education, and prison services.
People suffering because of war in Yemen.

The Community and Parish: Staff and residents at River Court.
Stewardship in our Church.

The (Ecumenical) Union Christian Fellowship from South India.

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

The Departed:

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified:

hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING 2 Samuel 1.1, 17–27

A reading from the second book of Samuel.

- 1 After the death of Saul, when David had returned from defeating the Amalekites, David remained two days in Ziklag.
- 17 David intoned this lamentation over Saul and his son Jonathan.
- 18 (He ordered that The Song of the Bow be taught to the people of Judah; it is written in the Book of Jashar.) He said:
- 19 Your glory, O Israel, lies slain upon your high places! How the mighty have fallen!
- 20 Tell it not in Gath, proclaim it not in the streets of Ashkelon; or the daughters of the Philistines will rejoice, the daughters of the uncircumcised will exult.
- 21 You mountains of Gilboa, let there be no dew or rain upon you, nor bounteous fields! For there the shield of the mighty was defiled, the shield of Saul, anointed with oil no more.
- 22 From the blood of the slain, from the fat of the mighty, the bow of Jonathan did not turn back, nor the sword of Saul return empty.
- 23 Saul and Jonathan, beloved and lovely! In life and in death they were not divided; they were swifter than eagles, they were stronger than lions.
- 24 O daughters of Israel, weep over Saul, who clothed you with crimson, in luxury, who put ornaments of gold on your apparel.
- 25 How the mighty have fallen in the midst of the battle! Jonathan lies slain upon your high places.
- 26 I am distressed for you, my brother Jonathan; greatly beloved were you to me; your love to me was wonderful, passing the love of women.
- 27 How the mighty have fallen, and the weapons of war perished!

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 8.7–15

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

- 7 You excel in everything – in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you – so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.
- 8 I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others.
- 9 For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.
- 10 And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something –
- 11 now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means.
- 12 For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has – not according to what one does not have.

- 13 I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question
of a fair balance between
14 your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in
order that there may be a fair balance.
15 As it is written, 'The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little
did not have too little.'

GOSPEL Mark 5.21–43

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

- 21 When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around
him; and he was by the lake.
22 Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him,
23 fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, 'My little daughter is at the point of death. Come
and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.'
24 So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him.
25 Now there was a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years.
26 She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was
no better, but rather grew worse.
27 She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak,
28 for she said, 'If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.'
29 Immediately her haemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her
disease.
30 Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd
and said, 'Who touched my clothes?'
31 And his disciples said to him, 'You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say,
"Who touched me?"'
32 He looked all around to see who had done it.
33 But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down
before him, and told him the whole truth.
34 He said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your
disease.'
35 While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, 'Your
daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?'
36 But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, 'Do not fear, only
believe.'
37 He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James.
38 When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people
weeping and wailing loudly.
39 When he had entered, he said to them, 'Why do you make a commotion and weep? The
child is not dead but sleeping.'
40 And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and
mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was.
41 He took her by the hand and said to her, 'Talitha cum,' which means, 'Little girl, get up!'
42 And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At
this they were overcome with amazement.
43 He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something
to eat.

THIS WEEK

Mon	2	July	Toddlers' Group	10.00 – 11.30am
			Discovering the Bible	2.30pm
Tue	3	July	Service at River Court	2.30pm
			Eucharist to celebrate Fr Geoff's 30 th Anniversary of his Ordination (see Notices below)	7.30pm
Wed	4	July	Food Bank	10.00am – 12 noon
			Coffee in Church	10.30am – 12 noon
Thur	5	July	Holy Communion	10.00am
Sun	8	July	<u>TRINITY 6</u>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST (President: Fr Geoff)	9.30am
			(First Sunday booklet; All Age Presentation)	
			Followed by refreshments	
			Evening Prayer	6.00pm

NOTICES

FR GEOFF'S 30th ANNIVERSARY of his ORDINATION to the PRIESTHOOD will be celebrated on Tuesday 3rd July at 7.30pm with a Eucharist in the Lady Chapel and followed by refreshments. All members of St Michael's are invited. If you would like to attend, please sign the list at the back of church.

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