



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 7
15 July 2018

A warm welcome to our services today.

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

Hymns: 137,494, 496 and 414 (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.

Holy Baptisms at 2.00 pm and 3.00 pm.

Evening Prayer at 6.00 pm

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Parish of Bengeo Holy Trinity and St Leonard with Christchurch, (Hertford and Ware).

The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea, Allan Migi its Archbishop and all its people.

Anti human-trafficking work in the Church of North India.

The World: Thanksgiving for the rescue of the children in the Thai Cave.

Peace in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Safety of people in Wiltshire from contact with nerve agents.

The Community and Parish: Our PCC members.

Children being baptised today, and their families.

The Watford Youth Sinfonia.

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, Lionel Jones, 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

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all
goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
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 2 Samuel 6.1–5, 12b–19

A reading from the second book of Samuel.

- ¹ David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand.
- ² David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the LORD of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim.
- ³ They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark.
- ⁴ David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the LORD with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals.
- ⁵ So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing;
- ¹² and when those who bore the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling.
- ¹³ David danced before the LORD with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod.
- ¹⁴ So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.
- ¹⁵ As the ark of the LORD came into the city of David. Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart.
- ¹⁶ They brought in the ark of the LORD, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the LORD.
- ¹⁷ When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts,
- ¹⁸ and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.
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SECOND READING Ephesians 1.3–14

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

- ³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,
- ⁴ just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love.

5 He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good
6 pleasure of his will,
7 to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.
8 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according
9 to the riches of his grace
10 that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight
11 he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set
12 forth in Christ,
13 as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in Christ, things in heaven and things
14 on earth.
15 In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the
16 purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will,
17 so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his
18 glory.
19 In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had
20 believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit;
21 this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise
22 of his glory.

GOSPEL Mark 6.14–29

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

14 King Herod heard of the healings and other miracles, for Jesus' name had become known.
Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason
these powers are at work in him.'
15 But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.'
16 But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.'
17 For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on
account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her.
18 For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.'
19 And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not,
20 for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him.
When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him.
21 But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and
officers and for the leaders of Galilee.
22 When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the
king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.'
23 And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my
kingdom.'
24 She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John
the Baptist.'
25 Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me at once the
head of John the Baptizer on a platter.'
26 The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not
want to refuse her.
27 Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went
and beheaded him in the prison,
28 brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother.
29 When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

THIS WEEK

Mon	16	July	Toddlers' Group	10.00 – 11.30am
Tue	17	July	(Concert Rehearsal	4.00 – 9.00pm)
Wed	18	July	Mission Committee (Vestry)	9.30am
			Food Bank	10.00am – 12 noon
			Coffee in Church	10.30am – 12 noon
			(Concert Rehearsal	4.00 – 7.30pm)
			PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL	7.25pm
Thur	19	July	Holy Communion	10.00am
			Followed by coffee in Choir Vestry	
			(One Voice Choir	7.30 – 9.30pm)
Sun	22	July	<u>TRINITY 8 – MARY MAGDALENE</u>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST with Holy Baptism	9.30am
			(President: Fr Geoff and Preacher from Mercy Ships)	
			Children's Church in Littlebury Hall	
			(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church	1.00 – 5.00pm)
			Evening Prayer	6.00pm)

NOTICES

WILL PCC MEMBERS please stay on after the 9.30 service this morning for a short informal meeting for Fr Geoff to update them on some development in relation to the War Memorial Cross.

THE WAR MEMORIAL CROSS is to be dedicated on Saturday 29th September, at 2.00 pm by the Rt Revd Richard Atkinson, Bishop of Bedford, followed by refreshments.

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