



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 8
MARY MAGDALENE
22 July 2018

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Sung Eucharist Fr Geoff celebrates and we welcome a preacher from Mercy Ships. Violet Allen-Smith leads the intercessions. The service includes a Holy Baptism.

Hymns: 150, 379, 622 and 516 (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.

(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church 1.00 – 5.00 pm)

Evening Prayer at 6.00 pm

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Parish of St John the Evangelist, High Cross in our Diocese.
The Episcopal Church of the Philippines.
Development of child-friendly Churches in South India.

The World: Peace in Syria.
Good relations between the US, Europe, and the wider world.
Support for frail and elderly people.

The Community and Parish: Anya Grace being baptised today, and her family.
The work of Mercy Ships.
Our Mission Committee.

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

Almighty God,
whose Son restored Mary Magdalene to health of mind and body
and called her to be a witness to his resurrection:
forgive our sins and heal us by your grace,
that we may serve you in the power of his risen life;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Song of Solomon 3.1–4

A reading from the book of the Song of Solomon.

- ¹ Upon my bed at night I sought him whom my soul loves; I sought him, but found him not; I called him, but he gave no answer.
- ² 'I will rise now and go about the city, in the streets and in the squares; I will seek him whom my soul loves.' I sought him, but found him not.
- ³ The sentinels found me, as they went about in the city. 'Have you seen him whom my soul loves?'
- ⁴ Scarcely had I passed them, when I found him whom my soul loves. I held him, and would not let him go until I brought him into my mother's house, and into the chamber of her that conceived me.

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 5.14–17

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

- ¹⁴ The love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died.
- ¹⁵ And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.
- ¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way.
- ¹⁷ So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

GOSPEL John 20.1–2, 11–18

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

- ¹ Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb.
- ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, ‘They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.’
- ¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb;
- ¹² and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet.
- ¹³ They said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping?’ She said to them, ‘They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.’
- ¹⁴ When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus.
- ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?’ Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, ‘Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.’
- ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, ‘Mary!’ She turned and said to him in Hebrew, ‘Rabbouni!’ (which means Teacher).
- ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, ‘Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, “I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.”’
- ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, ‘I have seen the Lord’; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

THIS WEEK

Mon	23	July	Toddlers' Group	10.00 – 11.30am
			Finance Committee	7.30pm
Wed	25	July	Food Bank	10.00am – 12 noon
			Coffee in Church	10.30am – 12 noon
Thur	26	July	Holy Communion	10.00am
Sun	29	July	<u>TRINITY 9</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	
			Holy Baptism	3.00pm
			Evening Prayer	6.00pm

NOTICES

FINAL COPY DATE FOR THE AUGUST SWORD is midday today Sunday, 22nd July. Hard copy to Rob White or email to swordparishmagazine@googlemail.com.

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

IMPORTANT REMINDER: The new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) is now in force. If you wish to receive any communications from St Michael's by post, telephone or email in future we need your permission. If you haven't already filled in a form, please pick one up from the table at the back of the church, complete it and return as soon as possible. If we don't get a form from you, you won't get any future information sent to you about what is happening at St Michael's.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

25th August at 7.30 pm. Concert by the Watford Youth Sinfonia at St Michaels. Tickets: Adults – £12; Concessions – £10; Students – £7 on the door. More information on their website: <http://watforyouthsinfonia.com>.

8th September: Heritage Open Day.