



# THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

*St Michael and All Angels*

Watford

TRINITY 12  
19 August 2018

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist Fr Geoff celebrates and Martin Heath preaches. Valerie Alvarez leads the intercessions.

**Hymns: 619, 313, 386 and 377**

**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 Baptism of Percy Harry David Benoy at 3.00 pm

Evening Prayer at 6.00 pm

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## **For your prayers this week:**

**The Church:** The Parish of Radwell in our Diocese.

The Church of South India, Thomas Ranjikappally Oommam, its Moderator, and all its people.

The Church's work for justice in the Phillipines.

**The World:** Victims of the Genoa bridge collapse, and all the people affected.

People in Kabul, especially victims of the recent bombing

People having difficulty with housing.

**The Community and Parish:** Percy Harry David Benoy being baptised today.

Percy's family and friends,

The young people of Watford Youth Sinfonia.

**The Ill and the Housebound:** Especially Christopher Bilson, Marion Craddock-

Jones, Kate Dickinson, Audrey Dixon, Cynthia Dixon, Claire

Dunning, Jemima Hill, Peter Hinchey, Lionel Jones, Mary

Kearns, Lesley Kinch, Loretta Lynch, Craig McKay, Lisa Mills,

Dorcas Ochola, Christina Simon, Mark Simon, Norma Stone,

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

**The Departed:** Dennis Baulch.

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**Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve:  
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask  
but through the merits and mediation of 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 Kings 2.10–12; 3.3–14**

A reading from the first book of Kings.

- <sup>10</sup> David slept with his ancestors, and was buried in the city of David.
- <sup>11</sup> The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem.
- <sup>12</sup> So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established.
- <sup>3</sup> Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places.
- <sup>4</sup> The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt-offerings on that altar.
- <sup>5</sup> At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.'
- <sup>6</sup> And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today.
- <sup>7</sup> And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in.
- <sup>8</sup> And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted.
- <sup>9</sup> Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this.
- <sup>11</sup> God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right,

- <sup>12</sup> I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.
- <sup>13</sup> I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honour all your life; no other king shall compare with you.
- <sup>14</sup> If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life.'

## **SECOND READING Ephesians 5.15–20**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

- Brothers and sisters,
- <sup>15</sup> be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise,
- <sup>16</sup> making the most of the time, because the days are evil.
- <sup>17</sup> So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.
- <sup>18</sup> Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit,
- <sup>19</sup> as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts,
- <sup>20</sup> giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## **GOSPEL John 6.51–58**

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

- Jesus said to the crowd:
- <sup>51</sup> 'I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'
- <sup>52</sup> The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?'
- <sup>53</sup> So Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you.
- <sup>54</sup> Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day;
- <sup>55</sup> for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink.
- <sup>56</sup> Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them.
- <sup>57</sup> Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me.
- <sup>58</sup> This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.'

## **THIS WEEK**

Mon	20	Aug	Toddlers' Group	10.00 – 11.30am
Wed	22	Aug	Food Bank	10.00am – 12 noon
			Coffee in Church	10.30am – 12 noon
			Concert rehearsal	1.00 – 7.30pm
Thur	23	Aug	Holy Communion	10.00am
			Concert rehearsal	1.00 – 7.30pm
Fri	24	Aug	Concert rehearsal	1.00 – 7.30pm
Sat	25	Aug	Concert rehearsal	2.30 – 7.30pm
			Concert by Watford Youth Sinfonia (see Notices)	7.30pm
Sun	26	Aug	<b><u>TRINITY 13</u></b>	
			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	
			Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church	1.00 – 6.30pm
			Evening Prayer (in Littlebury Hall)	6.00pm

## **NOTICES**

**CONCERT BY THE WATFORD YOUTH SINFONIA** at St Michaels. 25<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30 pm.

Berlioz – Le Carnaval Romain

Dvorak – Cello Concerto (Cecilia Bignall, cello)

Tom Carr – New Piece TBC (world premiere)

Stravinsky – The Rite of Spring

Tickets: Adults – £12; Concessions – £10; Students – £7 on the door. More information on their website: <http://watfordyouthsinfonia.com>.

**BEDS AND HERTS HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST:** The day when the Historic Churches Trust have their sponsored Bike n' Hike Day is Saturday, 8 September. The Church is also open on this day for visitors to see inside - encourage your friends and neighbours to come along, see inside our beautiful Church and look at the stock on Norma's stall, and the book stall.

**FINAL COPY DATE FOR THE SEPTEMBER SWORD** is midday next Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> August. Hard copy to Rob White or email to [swordparishmagazine@googlemail.com](mailto:swordparishmagazine@googlemail.com).

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

29th September, at 2.00 pm. The War Memorial Cross is to be dedicated by the Rt Revd Richard Atkinson, Bishop of Bedford, followed by refreshments.

13th October: Murder Mystery Play. Please ask your friends. Tables of 6. 3 - course Supper included. £20.00 per ticket. Bar available. Tickets and more details from Elizabeth Watkin or Valerie Blacklock.