



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 16
16 September 2018

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist Fr Geoff celebrates and preaches. Pat Beach leads the intercessions.

Hymns: 398, 582, 622 and 170

Setting: Thorne

Children's Church in Littlebury Hall.

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

Evening Prayer 6.00 pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Parish of Bovingdon in our Diocese.
The Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan, Ezekiel Kumir Kondo its Bishop, and all its people.
The work of the Church of South India in combatting the effects of climate change.

The World: All who work as chaplains in the community.
People displaced by conflict in Nigeria.
People suffering from Alzheimer's and Vascular Dementia.

The Community and Parish: Our PCC members.
Our Mothers' Union members.
Our Church finances.

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:

COLLECT

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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 Proverbs 1.20–33

A reading from the book of Proverbs.

²⁰ Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice.
²¹ At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:
²² 'How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge?
²³ Give heed to my reproof; I will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my words known to you.
²⁴ Because I have called and you refused, have stretched out my hand and no one heeded,
²⁵ and because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof,
²⁶ I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when panic strikes you,
²⁷ when panic strikes you like a storm, and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you.
²⁸ Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but will not find me.
²⁹ Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the LORD,
³⁰ would have none of my counsel, and despised all my reproof,
³¹ therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way and be sated with their own devices.
³² For waywardness kills the simple, and the complacency of fools destroys them;
³³ but those who listen to me will be secure and will live at ease, without dread of disaster.'

SECOND READING James 3.1–12

A reading from the letter of James.

¹ Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness.
² For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle.
³ If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies.
⁴ Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs.

5 So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a
forest is set ablaze by a small fire!
6 And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of
iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set
on fire by hell.
7 For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and
has been tamed by the human species,
8 but no one can tame the tongue – a restless evil, full of deadly poison.
9 With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in
the likeness of God.
10 From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this
ought not to be so.
11 Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water?
12 Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more
can salt water yield fresh.

GOSPEL Mark 8.27–38

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

27 Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way
he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that I am?’
28 And they answered him, ‘John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one
of the prophets.’
29 Jesus asked them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Peter answered him, ‘You are
the Messiah.’
30 And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.
31 Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering,
and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and
after three days rise again.
32 He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.
33 But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, ‘Get behind
me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human
things.’
34 He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, ‘If any want to become
my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.
35 For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for
my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.
36 For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life?
37 Indeed, what can they give in return for their life?
38 Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful
generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the
glory of his Father with the holy angels.’

THIS WEEK

Mon	17	Sep	Toddlers' Group	10.00 – 11.30am
Tue	18	Sep	Finance Committee	7.25pm
Wed	19	Sep	Food Bank	10.00am – 12 noon
			Coffee in Church	10.30am – 12 noon
			PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL	7.25pm
Thur	20	Sep	Holy Communion	10.00am
			Followed by coffee in Choir Vestry	
Sun	23	Sep	<u>TRINITY 17</u>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST (President and Preacher: Fr Geoff)	9.30am
			Children's Church in Littlebury Hall	
			(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church	1.00 – 6.30pm)
			Evening Prayer (Littlebury Hall)	6.00pm

NOTICES

WHODUNNIT? Please keep October 13th clear to come and enjoy a Murder Mystery Play “The Murder at The White Lion” presented by Rickmansworth Players. We will be making up tables of 6 to 8 people to come and be entertained over a meal. The cast will act out 5 scenes while we watch and try to solve the mystery (don't panic - no-one in the audience will have to join in with the plot). Any, and every, offer of help will be very much appreciated. Selling tickets to family, friends and neighbours will be a great way to help as well as offers for catering, moving furniture, setting out and clearing up and all the other usual jobs!

Three - course Supper included. £20.00 per ticket. Bar available.
Tickets and more details from Elizabeth Watkin or Valerie Blacklock.

With many thanks,
Elizabeth and the Social Committee

IMPORTANT DATE 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. Before the service there will be a medley of period songs played by the musicians of “Brass Bandits” conducted by Christine Deeley.