



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

St MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS
30 September 2018

We wish you a warm welcome to our services today for our Patronal Festival. At the 9.30 am Eucharist Fr Geoff celebrates and preaches. Jamie Wareham leads the intercessions.

Hymns: Service book, 416, 626, and “In this place” (sheet) Setting: Thorne
Children's Church in Littlebury Hall.

Refreshments will be served in church after the 9.30 service and there will be a bring-and-buy sale – please stay on.

Evening Prayer 6.00pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Parish of Colmworth in Our Diocese.
The Church of the Province of Uganda, Stanley Ntagali, its Archbishop and all its people.
The work of the Episcopal Church of the Philippines with small farmers.

The World: The International day of non-violence on 2nd October.
The work of Christian Aid in India for the landless poor.
That people can be brought together by sports.

The Community and Parish: Churches together in Central, South and West Watford.
Frances Novillo, the Watford Town Centre Chaplain.
The Jewish community in Watford.

The Ill and the Housebound: Especially Christopher Bilson, Marion Craddock-Jones, Kate Dickinson, Audrey Dixon, Cynthia Dixon, Claire Dunning, Fr Robert Featherstone, 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

Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted the ministries of angels and mortals in a wonderful order: grant that as your holy angels always serve you in heaven, so, at your command, they may help and defend us on earth; 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 Genesis 28.10–17

A reading from the book of Genesis.

¹⁰ Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran.

¹¹ He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place.

¹² And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.

¹³ And the LORD stood beside him and said, 'I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring;

¹⁴ and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring.

¹⁵ Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.'

¹⁶ Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the LORD is in this place – and I did not know it!'

¹⁷ And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.'

SECOND READING Revelation 12.7–12

A reading from the book of Revelation.

- ⁷ War broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back,
- ⁸ but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven.
- ⁹ The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world – he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.
- ¹⁰ Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming, ‘Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God.
- ¹¹ But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death.
- ¹² Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you with great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!’

GOSPEL John 1.47–51

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

- ⁴⁷ When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, ‘Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!’
- ⁴⁸ Nathanael asked him, ‘Where did you come to know me?’ Jesus answered, ‘I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.’
- ⁴⁹ Nathanael replied, ‘Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!’
- ⁵⁰ Jesus answered, ‘Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.’
- ⁵¹ And he said to him, ‘Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.’

THIS WEEK

Mon	1	Oct	Chater Infants School Harvest	9.00am
			Toddlers' Group	10.00 – 11.30am
Tue	2	Oct	Service at River Court	2.30pm
Wed	3	Oct	Food Bank	10.00am – 12 noon
			Coffee in Church	10.30am – 12 noon
Thur	4	Oct	Holy Communion	10.00am
			Children and Young Families Network	3.00pm
Sun	7	Oct	<u>HARVEST</u>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST (President: Fr Geoff)	9.30am
			(First Sunday booklet; All Age Presentation)	
			Followed by refreshments	
			NO Evening Prayer	

NOTICES

FOR HARVEST NEXT SUNDAY, we are supporting the Bishop of St Albans' Harvest Appeal "Give Peas a Chance" with our money giving, and Watford Food Bank with our giving of groceries. More details on page 11 in October Sword.

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

LIVE COUNTRY MUSIC SUNG BY RON RYALL WITH A TABLE QUIZ AND BUFFET: At St Michael's on Saturday 24th November from 7.30 pm. Tickets £10 from Jamie or Holly Wareham. (Bring your own drinks.) Final date to purchase tickets is 18th November.