



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

HARVEST
7 October 2018

A warm welcome to our services today.

There is our monthly “First Sunday of the Month Service” at 9.30 am with the theme of Harvest. Fr Geoff celebrates and there will be an All-age Presentation.

Hymns: 270, 254, 273 and 262

Setting: Thorne

Refreshments will be served in church after the 9.30 service – please stay on.

NO Evening Prayer tonight.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Parish of Knotting with Souldrop in our Diocese.
The Episcopal Church of the USA, Michael Curry its Presiding Bishop and all its People.
The Anglican Church in Zambia.

The World: Victims of the Earthquake and Tsunami in Indonesia.
The Bishop of St Albans Harvest Appeal.
The Watford Food Bank.

The Community and Parish: The Residents and Staff of Home Manor and St Anthony’s.
A Fun Evening at the Murder Mystery Play.
Watford Town Centre Chaplaincy.

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, Michael Jennings, 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

Eternal God,
you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season:
grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being;
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.

Reading: 2 Corinthians 9: 6-10

A Reading from St Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians
(Good News Bible)

Remember that the person who plants few seeds will have a small crop; the one who plants many seeds will have a large crop.
You should each give, then, as you have decided, not with regret or out of a sense of duty; for God loves the one who gives gladly.
And God is able to give you more than you need, so that you will always have all you need for yourselves and more than enough for every good cause.
As the scripture says, "He gives generously to the needy; his kindness lasts forever."
And God, who supplies seed for the sower and bread to eat, will also supply you with all the seed you need and will make it grow and produce a rich harvest from your generosity.

This is the Word of the Lord

GOSPEL Matthew 6.25–33

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

Jesus said to his disciples:

²⁵ ‘Do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?

²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?

²⁷ And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?

²⁸ And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin,

²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. =

³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you – you of little faith?

³¹ Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?”

³² For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed, your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.

³³ But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.’



Bishop of St Albans' Harvest Appeal "Give Peas a Chance"

THIS WEEK

Mon	8	Oct	Toddlers' Group	10.00 – 11.30am
Wed	10	Oct	Food Bank	10.00am – 12 noon
			Coffee in Church	10.30am – 12 noon
			Service at Home Manor	2.30pm
Thur	11	Oct	Holy Communion	10.00am
			St Anthony's	11.00am
			Set up for Murder Mystery	from 1.00pm
Sat	13	Oct	MURDER MYSTERY PLAY (see Notices)	7.00 for 7.30pm
Sun	14	Oct	<u>TRINITY 20</u>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST (President & 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

FOR HARVEST TODAY, 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.

ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS CHRISTMAS EVENING, Thursday 13 December 6.30pm at West Herts College Restaurant. Bucks Fizz on arrival, three course meal, coffee & mince pie finish. All-inclusive price £18, followed by a raffle in aid of Crisis At Christmas. Bookings & menu contact martin.matthews5@virgin.net or in person.

WATFORD QUAKER MEETING is hosting a public meeting about refugees, asylum seekers and migrants on Tuesday 23rd October at 7.30pm entitled 'These Walls must Fall: Detention – time for a Change'. There will be speakers from 'Freed Voices' and the 'Quaker Asylum and Refugee Network' talking about their experiences of being in detention and visiting people in detention. All are welcome.

WHODUNNIT? Please keep next Saturday, 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. Selling tickets 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.

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.