



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 20
14 October 2018

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist Fr Geoff celebrates and preaches. Paul Chandler leads the intercessions.

Hymns: 311, 449, 581 and 622

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 – 6.30 pm)

Evening Prayer (in **Littlebury Hall**) 6.00 pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Parish of Podington with Farndish in our Diocese.
The Church in Wales, John Davies its Archbishop and all its people.
The Anglican Church in Athens, and its work with refugees.

The World: All work in support of World Food Day.
The people of Indonesia affected by earthquake and tsunami.
The people of the Southern USA affected by Hurricane Michael.

The Community and Parish: The care of our buildings.
Our Mothers Union members.
Our organists and choir members.

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: Adam Dewey.

COLLECT

God, the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church:
by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ and make us eager
to do your will, that we may share with the whole creation the joys of
eternal life;
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 Job 23.1–9, 16–17

A reading from the book of Job.

- 1 Job answered his companions:
- 2 'Today also my complaint is bitter; his hand is heavy despite my groaning.
- 3 Oh, that I knew where I might find him, that I might come even to his dwelling!
- 4 I would lay my case before him, and fill my mouth with arguments.
- 5 I would learn what he would answer me, and understand what he would say to me.
- 6 Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power? No; but he would give heed to me.
- 7 There an upright person could reason with him, and I should be acquitted for ever by my judge.
- 8 If I go forward, he is not there; or backward, I cannot perceive him;
- 9 on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him; I turn to the right, but I cannot see him.
- 16 God has made my heart faint; the Almighty has terrified me;
- 17 If only I could vanish in darkness, and thick darkness would cover my face!

SECOND READING Hebrews 4.12–16

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

- 12 The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.
- 13 And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.
- 14 Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession.

- 15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin.
- 16 Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

GOSPEL Mark 10.17-31

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

- 17 As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?'
- 18 Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone.
- 19 You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother."'
- 20 He said to Jesus, 'Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.'
- 21 Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.'
- 22 When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.
- 23 Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, 'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!'
- 24 And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!
- 25 It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.'
- 26 They were greatly astounded and said to one another, 'Then who can be saved?'
- 27 Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.'
- 28 Peter began to say to him, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you.'
- 29 Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news,
- 30 who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age – houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields – but with persecutions – and in the age to come eternal life.
- 31 But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'

THIS WEEK

Mon	15	Oct	Toddlers' Group	10.00 – 11.30am
Tue	16	Oct	Estates Committee	2.30pm
Wed	17	Oct	Food Bank	10.00am – 12 noon
			Coffee in Church	10.30am – 12 noon
Thur	18	Oct	Holy Communion	10.00am
			Followed by coffee in Choir Vestry	
Sun	21	Oct	<u>TRINITY 21</u>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST (President & Preacher: Fr Geoff)	9.30am
			Children's Church in Littlebury Hall	
			Evening Prayer	6.00pm

NOTICES

TODAY marks the start of the **Week of Prayer for World Peace**. Some of you may remember that the late Ronald Gandy (for many years a member of St Michael's) was a founding member of this annual observance. Do please take a copy of the Prayer leaflet home to use during the week.

The Watford Interfaith Association Week of Prayer for World Peace Event will take place in the Peace Garden, Cassiobury Park, this afternoon, Sunday 14th October, at 2pm with the planting of more bulbs....many will not have survived this year's drought. This will be followed by prayers for peace and then refreshments.

HARVEST: We raised £291.50 (including Gift Aid) for the Bishop of St Albans' Harvest Appeal "Give Peas a Chance" with our money-giving last Sunday. Many thanks for this splendid effort. The gifts of food were given to the Food Bank on Wednesday and received with thanks.

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. Closing date for bookings Sunday 4 November.

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.

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.