



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 21
21 October 2018

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist Fr Geoff celebrates and preaches. Sylvia Moring leads the intercessions.

Hymns: 233, 594, 604 and 546

Setting: Thorne

Children's Church in Littlebury Hall.

Coffee and tea will be served in church after the 9.30 service and there will be a Bring-&-Buy Sale – please stay on.

Evening Prayer at 6.00 pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Parish of Swineshead in our Diocese.

The Church of the Province of Central Africa, Daniel Sarfo its Archbishop and all its people.

The Anglican run Ahli Arab hospital in Gaza City.

The World: A positive future relationship between the UK and EU.

The prevention of mass starvation in Yemen.

Displaced people in Haiti.

The Community and Parish: Laurance Haines School.

Interfaith work in Watford.

The Watford Schools Trust.

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, Sylvia Obeng, Dorcas Ochola, Christina Simon, Mark Simon, Norma Stone, Baby Adelaide Tonkin, Peter White; and all who care for them.

The Departed:

TRINITY 21**COLLECT**

Grant, we beseech you, merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; 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 38.1–7

A reading from the book of Job.

- 1 The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:
- 2 ‘Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?
- 3 Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me.
- 4 Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding.
- 5 Who determined its measurements – surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it?
- 6 On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone
- 7 when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

SECOND READING Hebrews 5.1–10

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

- 1 Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins.
- 2 He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness;
- 3 and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people.
- 4 And one does not presume to take this honour, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.
- 5 So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, ‘You are my Son, today I have begotten you’;
- 6 as he says also in another place, ‘You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.’

7 In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud
cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he
was heard because of his reverent submission.
8 Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered;
9 and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for
all who obey him,
10 having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of
Melchizedek.

GOSPEL Mark 10.35–45

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

35 James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to
him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.'
36 And he said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?'
37 And they said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at
your left, in your glory.'
38 But Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you
able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am
baptized with?'
39 They replied, 'We are able.' Then Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I drink
you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be
baptized;
40 but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for
those for whom it has been prepared.'
41 When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John.
42 So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles
those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great
ones are tyrants over them.
43 But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among
you must be your servant,
44 and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all.
45 For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a
ransom for many.'

THIS WEEK

Mon	22	Oct	Toddlers' Group	10.00 – 11.30am
Wed	24	Oct	Food Bank	10.00am – 12 noon
			Coffee in Church	10.30am – 12 noon
Thur	25	Oct	Holy Communion	10.00am
Fri	26	Oct	Laurence Haines School Harvest Thanksgiving	9.00am – 12 noon
Sat	27	Oct	British Summer Time ends – put clocks back one hour this evening	
Sun	28	Oct	<u>LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY / MEMORIAL SERVICE</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- 5.00pm
			Evening Prayer	6.00pm

NOTICES

THERE WILL BE A SHORT MEETING after the 9.30am Eucharist on 4th November, for all children, families and adults interested in confirmation, to discuss arrangements for preparation.

ON THE 11th NOVEMBER, after our Parish Eucharist, there will be an act of remembrance at the War Memorial Cross at 11.00am, with wreath laying and silence. All are welcome to this, whether or not they have been to Church first.

ON WEDNESDAY 24th OCTOBER, at 7.15pm for 7.30pm at the University Technical College in Colonial Way, Dame Helen Hyde will deliver the Harold Meyer Memorial Lecture on behalf of Watford Interfaith Association, speaking about her work with various groups including refugees' and women's groups. Hosted by Elected Mayor Peter Taylor. All welcome.

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.