



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

PENTECOST
9 June 2019

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist we welcome the Revd Tim Bull, Diocesan Director of Ministry, as Celebrant and Preacher. Phil Gough leads the intercessions.

Hymns: 182 (t1), 191, 174 and 516 (t2)

Setting: Thorne

Children's Church in Littlebury Hall.

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

(The Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church 1.00 – 5.00 pm)

NO Evening Prayer tonight.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: Goff's Oak, St James (Cheshunt): The ongoing support and commitment of their congregation to the church life at St James during the Vacancy. For the homeless and those individuals and families that are in crisis. The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma); Stephen Than Myint Oo - Arch of Myanmar and Bishop of Yangon.

The World: Diabetes Awareness Week.
The ACT Alliance, a coalition of 151 churches and faith-based organisations working together in over 125 countries. across the world. World Peace..The Commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of the D-Day landings

The Community and Parish: Carers Week (10 – 16 June): “Carers in Hertfordshire”.
Our Children’s Church members and leaders.

The Ill and the Housebound: Especially Christopher Bilson, Juliette Cottam, Marion Craddock-Jones, Audrey Dixon, Cynthia Dixon, Claire Dunning, Fr Robert Featherstone, Jemima Hill, Peter Hinchey, Mary Kearns, Lesley Kinch, Loretta Lynch, Craig McKay, Lisa Mills, Sylvia Obeng, Dorcas Ochola, Martin Ranson, Michelle Rodford, Christina Simon, Mark Simon, Baby Adelaide Tonkin, Peter White; and all who care for them.

The Departed:

Collect

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:
grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Acts 2.1–21

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

- ¹ When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.
² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.
³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.
⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.
⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem.
⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in their native language.
⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?
⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?
⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,
¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,
¹¹ Cretans and Arabs – in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.'
¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?'
¹³ But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'
¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.
¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning.
¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:
¹⁷ "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.
¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

- ¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
- ²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
- ²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

SECOND READING Romans 8.14–17

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

- ¹⁴ All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.
- ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’
- ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God,
- ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ – if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

GOSPEL John 14.8–17

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

- ⁸ Philip said to Jesus, ‘Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.’
- ⁹ Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, “Show us the Father”?’
- ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works.
- ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves.
- ¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father.
- ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.
- ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.
- ¹⁵ If you love me, you will keep my commandments.
- ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever.
- ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

THIS WEEK

Mon	10	June	Toddlers' Group	10 – 11.30am
Wed	12	June	Food Bank and Coffee in Church	10.00am – 12 noon
Thur	13	June	NO Holy Communion at 10.00am	
Sun	16	June	<u>TRINITY SUNDAY</u>	
			NO Holy Communion at 8.00am	
			SUNG EUCHARIST	9.30am
			(Pres and preacher: Ven Jonathan Smith, Archdeacon)	
			Children's Church in Littlebury Hall	

NOTICES

CONGRATULATIONS TO PAUL AND REBECCA CHANDLER on achieving their 24 mile trek around London last week to raise money for Alzheimer's Society. Thanks to all from St Michael's and their friends who supported their cause and raised so much money.

SERVICES DURING Fr GEOFF'S SABBATICAL: there will not be Holy Communion Services at 10 am on Thursday mornings nor Evening Prayer on Sundays. The Holy Communion service at 8 am on Sunday mornings will be held on alternate weeks from 9th June

CARERS WEEK (10th -16th June): Carers Week is an annual campaign to celebrate and recognise the UK's 6.5 million carers who look after family or friends who are older, ill or have a disability. If you provide unpaid care to someone who is ill, disabled, elderly or misuses substances and you or the person you care for live in Hertfordshire, then "Carers in Hertfordshire" can support you. Call: 01992 58 69 69. Email: contact@carersinherts.org.uk; www.carersinherts.org.uk. A number of free events are planned for this week – see website page for details: www.carersinherts.org.uk/how-we-can-help/carers-week-2019.

JUNE SWORD: Copies of the June Sword are available for collection at the West End of the Church.