



# THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

*St Michael and All Angels*

Watford

**TRINITY SUNDAY**

**16 June 2019**

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist we welcome the Ven. Jonathan Smith, Archdeacon of St Albans, as Celebrant and Preacher. Paul Chandler leads the intercessions.

**Hymns: 202, 523, 468 and 430**

Children's Church in Littlebury Hall.

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

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## **For your prayers this week:**

**The Church:** The Parish of Chalgrave (Dunstable); the people of the church and the community they serve.

Pray for the Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); Nicholas Okoh - Metropolitan & Primate of all Nigeria & Bishop of Abuja.

Those approaching retirement.

**The World:** Fathers throughout the world.

Caribbean people, especially those who arrived in the UK on the Empire Windrush on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1948.

Refugee Week. World Refugee Day on the 20<sup>th</sup> June.

**The Community and Parish:** The Watford and Three Rivers Refugee Partnership.

Young people taking exams.

Watford Schools Trust: their Workshops for Year 6 children about moving on to secondary school.

**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:**

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**Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; 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 Proverbs 8.1–4, 22–31**

A reading from the book of Proverbs.

Thus says the wisdom of God:

- 1 Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice?  
2 On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand;  
3 beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out:  
4 ‘To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live.  
22 The LORD created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago.  
23 Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth.  
24 When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water.  
25 Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth  
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26 when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world’s first bits of soil.  
27 When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,  
28 when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep,  
29 when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth,  
30 then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always,  
31 rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.’

## **SECOND READING Romans 5.1–5**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

- <sup>1</sup> Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
- <sup>2</sup> through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.
- <sup>3</sup> And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance,
- <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,
- <sup>5</sup> and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

## **GOSPEL John 16.12–15**

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

Jesus said to his disciples:

- <sup>12</sup> 'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.
- <sup>13</sup> When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.
- <sup>14</sup> He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you.
- <sup>15</sup> All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.'

## **THIS WEEK**

Mon	17	June	Toddlers' Group	10 – 11.30am
Wed	19	June	Food Bank and Coffee in Church	10.00am – 12 noon
Thur	20	June	NO Holy Communion at 10.00am	
Sun	23	June	<b><u>TRINITY 1</u></b>	
			Holy Communion	8.00am
			<b>SUNG EUCHARIST</b>	<b>9.30am</b>
			(Pres and preacher: Revd Guy Buckler)	
			Children's Church in Littlebury Hall	
			(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church	1.00pm – 5.00pm)

## **NOTICES**

**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 9<sup>th</sup> June

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

**FINAL COPY DATE FOR THE JULY SWORD** is midday next Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June. Hard copy to Rob White or email to [swordparishmagazine@googlemail.com](mailto:swordparishmagazine@googlemail.com).

**WATFORD & THREE RIVERS REFUGEE PARTNERSHIP** invite you to their Annual Garden Party at Cheslyn Gardens, Nascot Wood Road. WD17 4SL, on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2.30 – 4.30pm. Refreshments and cream teas, and a beautiful garden to explore.