



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 1
23 June 2019

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist we welcome the Revd Guy Buckler as Celebrant and Preacher. Sylvia Moring leads the intercessions.

Hymns: 427, 379, 411 and 208 (Pt 2 and Doxology)

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 1.00pm – 5.00pm)

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Parish of Kensworth (Dunstable).
The United Church of N India; Prem Chand Singh - Moderator of CNI & Bishop of Jabalpur.
For continued growth of new youth work.

The World: The Mass Lobby of Parliament on 26 June to call for action on climate change.
A peaceful settlement of the troubles in the Persian Gulf.
The protests in Hong Kong over extradition to China.

The Community and Parish: School sports activities during National School Sport Week 2019.
Imagine Watford festival (28th-30th June).
Homeless people, and people needing the Food Bank.

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:

The First Sunday After Trinity

Collect

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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 I Kings 19.1–4, 8–15a

A reading from the first book of Kings.

- ¹ Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword.
- ² Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, 'So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.'
- ³ Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.
- ⁴ But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: 'It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.'
- ⁸ He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.
- ⁹ At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?'
- ¹⁰ He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.'
- ¹¹ He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake;
- ¹² and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence.
- ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?'
- ¹⁴ He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.'
- ¹⁵ Then the LORD said to him, 'Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram.'

SECOND READING Galatians 3.23–29

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Galatians.

- 23 Before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed.
- 24 Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith.
- 25 But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian,
26 for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith.
- 27 As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ;
28 There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.
- 29 And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

GOSPEL Luke 8.26–39

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

- 26 Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee.
- 27 As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs.
- 28 When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, 'What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me' –
- 29 for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.)
- 30 Jesus then asked him, 'What is your name?' He said, 'Legion'; for many demons had entered him.
- 31 They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.
- 32 Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission.
- 33 Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.
- 34 When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country.
- 35 Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid.
- 36 Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed.
- 37 Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned.
- 38 The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying,
- 39 'Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.' So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

THIS WEEK

Mon	24	June	Toddlers' Group	10 – 11.30am
Wed	26	June	Food Bank and Coffee in Church	10.00am – 12 noon
Sun	30	June	<u>TRINITY 2</u>	
			NO Holy Communion	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST (Pres and preacher: Fr George)	9.30am
			Children's Church in Littlebury Hall	
			Followed by a Bring-&-Buy Sale	

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 9th June

FINAL COPY DATE FOR THE JULY SWORD is midday today, 23rd June. Hard copy to Rob White or email to 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 23rd June, 2.30 – 4.30pm. Refreshments and cream teas, and a beautiful garden to explore.

SUMMER BBQ

Keith Honour is heating up his BBQ

Saturday 20th July 2019

From 4:00 p.m.

34 Harvey Road, Croxley Green, WD3 3BU

01923 779936

£10.00 includes food and drinks!

(Cancelled if wet)

Tickets are available from Iola and there is a sign up sheet.