



# THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

*St Michael and All Angels*

Watford

**TRINITY 2**  
**30 June 2019**

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Sung Eucharist Fr George celebrates and preaches. Mark Simon leads the intercessions.

**Hymns: 445, 477, 601 and 444.**

Children's Church in Littlebury Hall.

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

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

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

The United Church of Pakistan; Humphrey Peters - Bishop of Peshawar & Moderator of the Church of Pakistan.

The Board of the Church Army and the senior leadership team.

**The World:** The work of cooperatives, helping farmers across the world, on International Day of Cooperatives (6 July).

The UN celebrates parliaments and the ways in which parliamentary systems of government improve the day-to-day lives of people.

Members of our Armed Forces.

**The Community and Parish:** The Churches of Watford Deanery.

For the Littlebury Children's Centre and the work that it does for local families.

The care of our Church buildings.

**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, Catherine Stone, Baby Adelaide Tonkin, Peter White; and all who care for them.

**The Departed:**

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**Collect**

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you.

Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**FIRST READING 2 Kings 2.1–2, 6–14**

A reading from the second book of Kings.

- 1 When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal.
- 2 Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel.
- 6 Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.' But Elisha said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on.
- 7 Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan.
- 8 Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.
- 9 When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.'
- 10 He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.'
- 11 As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven.
- 12 Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.
- 13 He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan.
- 14 He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, 'Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?' When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

**SECOND READING Galatians 5.1, 13–25**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Galatians.

- 1 For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.
- 13 For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another.

14 For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.'  
15 If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.  
16 Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh.  
17 For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want.  
18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law.  
19 Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.  
22 By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness,  
23 gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.  
24 And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.  
25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

## **GOSPEL Luke 9.51–62**

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

51 When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem.  
52 And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him;  
53 but they did not receive him, because his face was set towards Jerusalem.  
54 When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, 'Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?'  
55 But he turned and rebuked them.  
56 Then they went on to another village.  
57 As they were going along the road, someone said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.'  
58 And Jesus said to him, 'Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.'  
59 To another Jesus said, 'Follow me.' But he said, 'Lord, first let me go and bury my father.'  
60 But Jesus said to him, 'Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.'  
61 Another said, 'I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.'  
62 Jesus said to him, 'No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

### **THIS WEEK**

Mon	1	July	Toddlers' Group	10 – 11.30am
Wed	3	July	Food Bank and Coffee in Church	10.00am – 12 noon
Sun	7	July	<b><u>TRINITY 3</u></b>	
			Holy Communion	8.00am
			There is our monthly "First Sunday of the Month Service" at 9.30am. We welcome the Rev'd Guy Buckler as Celebrant.	

### **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.

### **SUMMER BBQ**

Keith Honour is heating up his BBQ

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **FUTURE DATES:**

Saturday 10 August at 7.30pm. Concert at St Michaels by the Watford Youth Sinfonia. *Ravel – Suite from Ma mere l'oye*

*Elgar – Sea Pictures (Emily Hodkinson, soloist)*

*Prokofiev – Romeo and Juliet (excerpts from the ballet)*

Sunday 11 August 3.30 – 5.30pm. Garden Party at 8 Cassiobury Park Ave – sign up list at back of church.