



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 4
Sea Sunday
14 July 2019

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist we welcome the Revd Jonathan Beach as Celebrant and Preacher. Phil Gough leads the intercessions.

Hymns: 546, 233, 413 and 444

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)

For your prayers this week:

The Church:

The work of the Mission to Seafarers.

The Parish of Bayford (Hertford and Ware). The Ministers and people of the church and the community they serve.

The Episcopal Church in the Philippines; Joel Atiwag Pachao - Prime Bishop of the Philippines.

The World:

Sailors throughout the world.

The work of Médecins Sans Frontières in their campaign against measles; help in the epidemic in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Give thanks for the life of Nelson Mandela and his struggle for justice, peace and reconciliation in South Africa.

The Community and Parish:

Our Parochial Church Council and their meeting on Wednesday.

Those who run and attend breakfast clubs.

Peace Hospice Care's Starlight Walk held yesterday.

The Ill and the Housebound:

Especially Christopher Bilson, 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, Michelle Rodford, Christina Simon, Mark Simon, Catherine Stone, Baby Adelaide Tonkin, Peter White; and all who care for them.

The Departed:

Collect

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:
increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may
so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal;
grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord 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 Amos 7.7–17

A reading from the book of the prophet Amos.

- 7 This is what the LORD showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a
plumb-line, with a plumb-line in his hand.
- 8 And the LORD said to me, 'Amos, what do you see?' And I said, 'A plumb-line.' Then
the Lord said, 'See, I am setting a plumb-line in the midst of my people Israel; I will
never again pass them by;
- 9 the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid
waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.'
- 10 Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, 'Amos has
conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to
bear all his words.
- 11 For thus Amos has said, "Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile
away from his land."
- 12 And Amaziah said to Amos, 'O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread
there, and prophesy there;
- 13 but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the
kingdom.'
- 14 Then Amos answered Amaziah, 'I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a
herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees,
- 15 and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, "Go,
prophesy to my people Israel."
- 16 Now therefore hear the word of the LORD. You say, "Do not prophesy against Israel,
and do not preach against the house of Isaac."
- 17 Therefore thus says the LORD: "Your wife shall become a prostitute in the city, and
your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword, and your land shall be parcelled
out by line; you yourself shall die in an unclean land, and Israel shall surely go into exile
away from its land."

SECOND READING Colossians 1.1–14

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

- 1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,
2 To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and
peace from God our Father.
- 3 In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

4 for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the
saints,
5 because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in
the word of the truth,
6 the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole
world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly
comprehended the grace of God.
7 This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow-servant. He is a faithful minister of
Christ on your behalf,
8 and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.
9 For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and
asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and
understanding,
10 so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in
every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God.
11 May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and
may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully
12 giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the
saints in the light.
13 He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of
his beloved Son,
14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

GOSPEL Luke 10.25–37

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

25 A lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal
life?'
26 He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?'
27 He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your
soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.'
28 And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.'
29 But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?'
30 Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands
of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead.
31 Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by
on the other side.
32 So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other
side.
33 But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved
with pity.
34 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then
he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.
35 The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care
of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend."
36 Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands
of the robbers?'
37 He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

THIS WEEK

Mon	15	July	Toddlers' Group	10 – 11.30am
Wed	17	July	Food Bank and Coffee in Church	10.00am – 12 noon
			PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL	7.25pm
Sat	20	July	Summer BBQ (see notices)	4.00pm
Sun	21	July	TRINITY 5	
			Holy Communion	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST	9.30am
			President and Preacher: Fr George	
			Children's Church in Littlebury Hall	

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.

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.

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.