



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 5
21 July 2019

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Sung Eucharist Fr George celebrates and preaches. Vicki Matthews leads the intercessions.

Hymns: 6, 583, 380 and 507

Setting: Thorne

Children's Church in Littlebury Hall.

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

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Parish of Hertingfordbury (Hertford and Ware); the priesting of their Curate, Wendy Sellars.

The Province de L'Eglise Anglicane au Rwanda; Laurent Mbanda - Archbishop of L'Eglise Episcopal au Rwanda and Bishop of Shyira.

Church Army evangelists.

The World: The rights of women and girls in all the nations of the world.

Good relations between the US, Europe, and the wider world.

Support for frail and elderly people.

The Community and Parish: Prevention of hate crime in our community.

The Watford & Three Rivers Refugee Partnership.

The work of Watford Town Centre Chaplaincy.

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

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Amos 8.1–12

A reading from the book of the prophet Amos.

- ¹ This is what the Lord GOD showed me – a basket of summer fruit.
² He said, ‘Amos, what do you see?’ And I said, ‘A basket of summer fruit.’ Then the LORD said to me, ‘The end has come upon my people Israel; I will never again pass them by.
³ The songs of the temple shall become wailings in that day,’ says the Lord GOD; ‘the dead bodies shall be many, cast out in every place. Be silent!’
⁴ Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land,
⁵ saying, ‘When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practise deceit with false balances,
⁶ buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat.’
⁷ The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.
⁸ Shall not the land tremble on this account, and everyone mourn who lives in it, and all of it rise like the Nile, and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt?
⁹ On that day, says the Lord GOD, I will make the sun go down at noon, and darken the earth in broad daylight.
¹⁰ I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; I will bring sackcloth on all loins, and baldness on every head; I will make it like the mourning for an only son, and the end of it like a bitter day.
¹¹ The time is surely coming, says the Lord GOD, when I will send a famine on the land; not a famine of bread, or a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD.
¹² They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the LORD, but they shall not find it.

SECOND READING Colossians 1.15–28

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

¹⁵ Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation;
¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him.
¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.
¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything.
¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.
²¹ And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds,
²² he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him –
²³ provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.
²⁴ I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church.
²⁵ I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known,
²⁶ the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints.
²⁷ To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.
²⁸ It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

GOSPEL Luke 10.38–42

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

³⁸ Now as Jesus and his disciples went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home.
³⁹ She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying.
⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to Jesus and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.'
⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things;
⁴² there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

THIS WEEK

Mon	22	July	Toddlers' Group	10 – 11.30am
Wed	24	July	Food Bank and Coffee in Church	10.00am – 12 noon
Thurs	25	July	Estates Committee (Choir Vestry)	2.30pm
Sun	28	July	TRINITY 6	
			<i>NO Holy Communion</i>	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST	9.30am
			President: Fr George and Preacher: Martin Heath	
			Children's Church in Littlebury Hall	
			Followed by a Bring-&-Buy Sale	
			(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 9th June.

PREACHERS FOR 9.30 EUCHARIST IN AUGUST

- 4 August Rev'd David Tuck
- 11 August Rev'd Canon Richard Bartlett
USPG Director of Mission Engagement
- 18 August Rt Rev'd Richard Atkinson (Bishop of Bedford)
- 25 August Fr George

FINAL COPY DATE FOR THE AUGUST SWORD is midday today, 21st July. Hard copy to Rob White or email to swordparishmagazine@googlemail.com.

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.

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