



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 6
28 July 2019

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Sung Eucharist Fr George celebrates and Martin Heath preaches. Sylvia Moring leads the intercessions.

Hymns: 607, 385, 601 and 421

Setting: Thorne

Children's Church in Littlebury Hall.

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

(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church 1.00pm – 5.00pm)

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Parish of Stapleford (Hertford and Ware); Jenny Gray, Angela Lynas, (R) Ann Edwards.
The Scottish Episcopal Church; Mark Strange - Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church and Bishop of Moray, Ross and Caithness.

All who work to eliminate the evils of slavery in today's world.

The World: Our new Prime Minister.

A peaceful solution to the oil tanker troubles with Iran.

The continued protests in Hong Kong.

The Community and Parish: Holiday clubs during the school holidays.

The work of the Food Bank with increased demand.

Watford Council's masterplan to rejuvenate the top of the town.

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, 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: Lesley Kinch.

Collect

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding:

pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 Hosea 1.2–10

A reading from the book of the prophet Hosea.

² When the LORD first spoke through Hosea, the LORD said to Hosea, ‘Go, take for yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the LORD.’

³ So he went and took Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son.

⁴ And the LORD said to him, ‘Name him Jezreel; for in a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel.

⁵ On that day I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel.’

⁶ She conceived again and bore a daughter. Then the LORD said to him, ‘Name her Lo-ruhamah, for I will no longer have pity on the house of Israel or forgive them.

⁷ But I will have pity on the house of Judah, and I will save them by the LORD their God; I will not save them by bow, or by sword, or by war, or by horses, or by horsemen.’

⁸ When she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived and bore a son.

⁹ Then the LORD said, ‘Name him Lo-ammi, for you are not my people and I am not your God.’

¹⁰ Yet the number of the people of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which can be neither measured nor numbered; and in the place where it was said to them, ‘You are not my people,’ it shall be said to them, ‘Children of the living God.’

SECOND READING Colossians 2.6–15

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

Brothers and sisters,

⁶ as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him,

⁷ rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

8 See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit,
according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe,
and not according to Christ.

9 For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily,
10 and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority.
11 In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the
body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ;
12 when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through
faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.

13 And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God
made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses,
14 erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside,
nailing it to the cross.

15 He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them,
triumphing over them in it.

GOSPEL Luke 11.1–13

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

1 Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples
said to him, ‘Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.’

2 He said to them, ‘When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your
kingdom come.

3 Give us each day our daily bread.

4 And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do
not bring us to the time of trial.’

5 And he said to them, ‘Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at
midnight and say to him, “Friend, lend me three loaves of bread;
6 for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.”

7 And he answers from within, “Do not bother me; the door has already been
locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you
anything.”

8 I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his
friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he
needs.

9 So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock,
and the door will be opened for you.

10 For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for
everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.

11 Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake
instead of a fish?

12 Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion?

13 If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much
more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!’

THIS WEEK

Mon	29	July	Toddlers' Group	10 – 11.30am
Wed	31	July	Food Bank and Coffee in Church	10.00am – 12 noon
Sun	4	Aug	<u>TRINITY 7</u>	
			Holy Communion	8.00am
			There is our monthly "First Sunday of the Month Service" at 9.30am. We welcome the Rev'd David Tuck 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 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

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.

Saturday 14 September 9.00am – 5.00pm. Heritage Open Day and Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust Bike and Hike.
Coffee Morning and Sale 10.30am – 12 noon.