



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 10
25 August 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: 490, 521, 474 and 418

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 church of Holy Trinity in Biscot, Luton.
The Anglican Church of South America; Gregory Venables -
Presiding Bishop of the Anglican Church of South America and
Bishop of Argentina.

The Feast of St Bartholomew (yesterday).

The World: To raise awareness of the importance of vaccinating people.
People facing starvation in war-torn areas.

The work of Christian Aid in Ethiopia.

The Community and Parish: Young people making decisions after their exam
results.

Staff, pupils and parents preparing for the return to school.

The Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service.

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:

Collect

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants;
and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you;
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 Jeremiah 1.4–10

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

- 4 The word of the LORD came to me saying,
5 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.'
6 Then I said, 'Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.'
7 But the LORD said to me, 'Do not say, "I am only a boy"; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you,
8 Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD.'
9 Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, 'Now I have put my words in your mouth.
10 See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.'

SECOND READING Hebrews 12.18–29

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

- 18 You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom,
19 and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them.
20 (For they could not endure the order that was given, 'If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.'
21 Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, 'I tremble with fear.')
- 22 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering,

- 23 and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to
God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,
24 and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood
that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.
- 25 See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not
escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much
less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven!
- 26 At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, ‘Yet
once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.’
- 27 This phrase, ‘Yet once more,’ indicates the removal of what is shaken –
that is, created things – so that what cannot be shaken may remain.
- 28 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us
give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with
reverence and awe;
- 29 for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

GOSPEL Luke 13.10–17

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

- 10 Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath.
- 11 And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her
for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up
straight.
- 12 When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, ‘Woman, you are set free
from your ailment.’
- 13 When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and
began praising God.
- 14 But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the
sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, ‘There are six days on which work
ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the
sabbath day.’
- 15 But the Lord answered him and said, ‘You hypocrites! Does not each of
you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it
away to give it water?
- 16 And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for
eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?’
- 17 When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire
crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

THIS WEEK

Mon	26	Aug	<i>Bank Holiday</i>		
			NO Toddlers' Group		
Wed	28	Aug	Food Bank and Coffee in Church	10.00am – 12 noon	
Sun	1	Sep	<u>TRINITY 11</u>		
			Holy Communion	8.00am	
			FIRST SUNDAY of MONTH SUNG EUCHARIST	9.30am	
			(President: Fr Geoff; All-Age Presentation)		
			Followed by refreshments		
			Evening Prayer	6.00pm	

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.

FINAL COPY DATE FOR THE SEPTEMBER SWORD is midday today, Sunday, 25 August. Hard copy to Rob White or email to swordparishmagazine@googlemail.com.

FUTURE DATES:

Wednesday 11 September at 7.25pm – Parochial Church Council (change of date).

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.

Saturday 28 September at 7.30pm. Talent Event. More details later.

Sunday 29 September at 9.30am – Patronal Festival.

Sunday 6 October at 12 noon – Harvest Bring & Share Lunch