



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 11
1 September 2019

A warm welcome to our services today.

There is our monthly “First Sunday of the Month Service” at 9.30 am. We welcome back Fr Geoff as Celebrant after his study leave. The children lead the intercessions.

Hymns: 386, 272, 427 and 140

Setting: Thorne

Refreshments will be served in church after the 9.30 service – please stay on.

Evening Prayer at 6.00 pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Diocesan Board of Education.

The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan; Justin Badi Arama – Bishop of Juba and Archbishop of the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation.

The World: The effects of the fires in the Amazon rainforest.

The effects of weather changes in Zimbabwe (USPG).

The work of the Leprosy Mission.

The Community and Parish: Folk in our Residential & Nursing Homes.

All students changing schools or starting at university.

Our friends of the Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church.

The Ill and the Housebound: Especially Dennis Beach, 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

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:
mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure;
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.

READING Hebrews 13: 1,2, 8, 14-16 (Good News Bible)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Keep on loving one another as Christians. Remember to welcome strangers in your homes. There were some who did that and welcomed angels without knowing it. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. For there is no permanent city for us here on earth; we are looking for the city which is to come. Let us, then, always offer praise to God as our sacrifice through Jesus, which is the offering presented by lips that confess him as Lord. Do not forget to do good and to help one another, because these are the sacrifices that please God.

This is the word of the Lord.

GOSPEL Luke 14.1, 7-14

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

- ¹ On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.
- ⁷ When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable.
- ⁸ ‘When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host;
- ⁹ and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, “Give this person your place,” and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place.
- ¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, “Friend, move up higher”; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you.
- ¹¹ For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.’
- ¹² He said also to the one who had invited him, ‘When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid.
- ¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind.
- ¹⁴ And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.’

THIS WEEK

Mon	2	Sep	Toddlers' Group	10 – 11.30am
Tue	3	Sep	Service at River Court	2.30pm
Wed	4	Sep	Food Bank and Coffee in Church	10.00am – 12 noon
			Finance Committee	7.30pm
Thu	5	Sep	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
Sun	8	Sep	<u>TRINITY 12</u>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST	9.30am
			(President and Preacher: Fr Geoff)	
			Children's Church	
			(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church	1.00 – 10.00pm)
			NO Evening Prayer	

NOTICES

WELCOME BACK to Fr Geoff after his Sabbatical. We hope he has discovered many interesting churches and gained much useful knowledge.

THE CONGREGATION IS INVITED to celebrate Violet's birthday (last week) with a drink at the back of church after the 9.30am service.

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.

Church members will be spending time spring cleaning the church and mending Service Books. We hope that there may be some people cycling or walking visiting churches in the area. Please sponsor them if they have a sponsor form. The proceeds will be divided between the Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust and this church.

The proceeds from the Coffee Morning will go to Church funds.

FUTURE DATES:

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

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