



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 14
22 September 2019

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Sung Eucharist Fr Geoff celebrates and preaches. Paul Chandler leads the intercessions.

Hymns: 170, 497, 421 and 530

Setting: Thorne

Children's Church in Littlebury Hall.

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

Evening Prayer at 6.00pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Parish of Mill End and Heronsgate with West Hyde in our Diocese.

The Church of the Province of Uganda, Stanley Ntagali its Archbishop, and all its people.

Church Army's Drumcliffe Centre of Mission in the West of Ireland.

The World: USPG supported work with the Church in Japan after nuclear contamination in 2011.

All those whose homes and livelihoods are threatened by rising sea levels.

Peace in the Middle East.

The Community and Parish: Our organists and choir.

Our Toddlers' Group and Children's Church

Our servers and sidespeople.

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

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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 8.18 – 9.1

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

The word of the LORD through the prophet:

- 18 My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick.
 19 Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land: 'Is the LORD not in Zion? Is her King not in her?' ('Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?')
 20 'The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.'
 21 For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me.
 22 Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored?
 1 O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people! =

SECOND READING I Timothy 2.1–7

A reading from the first letter of Paul to Timothy.

My dearly beloved,

- 1 I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone,
 2 for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity.
 3 This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour,
 4 who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.
 5 For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human,
 6 who gave himself a ransom for all – this was attested at the right time.
 7 For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

GOSPEL Luke 16.1-13

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

1 Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property.
2 So he summoned him and said to him, "What is this that I hear about you? Give me an account of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer."

3 Then the manager said to himself, "What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg.

4 I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes."

5 So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, "How much do you owe my master?"

6 He answered, "A hundred jugs of olive oil." He said to him, "Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty."

7 Then he asked another, "And how much do you owe?" He replied, "A hundred containers of wheat." He said to him, "Take your bill and make it eighty."

8 And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light.

9 And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

10 Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much.

11 If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches?

12 And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own?

13 No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.'

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THIS WEEK

Mon	23	Sep	Toddlers' Group	10 – 11.30am
Wed	25	Sep	Food Bank and Coffee in Church	10.00am – 12 noon
			Mission Committee	9.30am
Thu	26	Sep	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
Sun	29	Sep	<u>St MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS</u>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST	9.30am
			(President and Preacher: Fr Geoff)	
			Children's Church in Littlebury Hall	
			Evening Prayer	6.00pm

NOTICES

HARVEST THANKSGIVING - 6 October 2019

At the 9.30 Sung Eucharist there will be a cash collection for the Bishop of St Albans Harvest Appeal which is towards Tearfund's Light Up Tanzania project and any dried food will be donated to the Watford and Three Rivers Refugee Partnership.

St MICHAEL'S CHRISTMAS MEAL at West Herts College Restaurant will be held this year on Tuesday 10th December at 6.30pm. The price is unchanged at £18 and includes a 3-course meal and a glass of Prosecco. Please make your booking with Martin Matthews at victoria.matthews@virgin.net.

THE EVENT ON 28TH SEPTEMBER AT 7.30 PM HAS CHANGED!

Fr Geoff is going to give a presentation on his Sabbatical, with photographs of the ancient Christian stones he sought out in out-of-the-way spots in Lincolnshire, Lancashire, Cumbria, Scotland, County Durham and Yorkshire. He aims to give a lively and interesting talk, with interaction. Bring your own drinks, nibbles provided, payment by donation. There is a sign-up list at the back for catering purposes.

THE COFFEE MORNING LAST SATURDAY MORNING, with some extra items sold on Sunday morning, raised £180 for Church funds. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

FUTURE DATES:

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