



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 17
13 October 2019

A warm welcome to our services today.

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

Hymns: 490, 385, 308 and 565

Setting: Thorne

Children's Church in Littlebury Hall.

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

(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church 1.00pm – 5.00pm)

Evening Prayer is at 6.00 pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Parish of Pertenhall in our Diocese.

The Church of the Province of West Africa, Daniel Sarfo its Primate and all its People.

The Anglican Church of Ceylon.

The World: Christian Aid's work in Ghana.

Recognition of the place of black people in our country's history.

Access for disabled people to work opportunities.

The Community and Parish: The people who care for our buildings.

The people who foster our Church social life.

The people who look after our Church finances.

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, Keith Levinson, 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, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face;
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 29.1, 4–7

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

- ¹ These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.
- ⁴ Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon:
- ⁵ Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce.
- ⁶ Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease.
- ⁷ But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

SECOND READING 2 Timothy 2.8–15

A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy.

- ⁸ Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David – that is my gospel,
- ⁹ for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained.

¹⁰ Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.
¹¹ The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him;
¹² if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us;
¹³ if we are faithless, he remains faithful – for he cannot deny himself.
¹⁴ Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening.
¹⁵ Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

GOSPEL Luke 17.11–19

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

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee.
¹² As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance,
¹³ they called out, saying, ‘Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!’
¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, ‘Go and show yourselves to the priests.’ And as they went, they were made clean.
¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice.
¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan.
¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, ‘Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they?’
¹⁸ Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?’
¹⁹ Then he said to the Samaritan, ‘Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.’

THIS WEEK

Mon	14	Oct	Toddlers' Group	10 – 11.30am
Tue	15	Oct	Social Committee	11.00am
Wed	16	Oct	Food Bank and Coffee in Church	10.00am – 12 noon
Thu	17	Oct	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			Followed by coffee in Choir Vestry	
			Estates Committee	2.30pm
Sun	20	Oct	<u>TRINITY 18</u>	
			End of the Week of Prayer for World Peace.	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST (President: Fr Geoff)	9.30am
			Children's Church in Littlebury Hall	
			Evening Prayer	6.00pm

NOTICES

TODAY, SUNDAY 13th OCTOBER is the start of the **Week of Prayer for World Peace**. Prayer booklets with a theme and prayer for each day are available for members of the congregation. Do please take one and use during the week. There will be "Planting for Peace" in the Peace Garden for the Week of Prayer for World Peace on Wednesday 16th 10.00am – 12.00noon, and Sunday 20th 2.00pm-3.30pm

ON SUNDAY 20th IN THE 9.30am SERVICE, Alexis Neighbour (from "Home Instead" who are involved in the new Dementia Cafe at St Mary's) will be coming to talk to us about caring for people with dementia.

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.

LIVE COUNTRY MUSIC SUNG BY RON RYALL WITH A TABLE QUIZ AND BUFFET: At St Michael's on Saturday 9th November from 7.30 pm. Tickets £10 from Jamie or Holly Wareham. (Bring your own drinks.) Final date to purchase tickets is 3rd November.

HARVEST GIFTS: Thank you to everyone who contributed to the harvest service last week. £152 went to the Bishop of St Albans for the Tearfund's Light-up Tanzania Project and all the dried goods and tinned food went to the Watford and Three Rivers Refugee Partnership.

SATURDAY, 16 NOVEMBER is the CHRISTMAS FAIR Boxes in which you can put any items you have for sale, or that can be used for raffle or tombola prizes will be placed on the bier at the west end. Further information in the next Messengers.

THE SEPTEMBER BRING-&-BUY SALE raised £40.50 for church funds. Many thanks.