



# THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

*St Michael and All Angels*

Watford

**TRINITY 18**  
**20 October 2019**

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Sung Eucharist Fr Geoff celebrates and Alexis Neighbour (from “Home Instead” who are involved in the new Dementia Cafe at St Mary’s) will be helping us to think about how our Church can be dementia friendly. Mark Simon leads the intercessions.

**Hymns: 515, 478, 279 and 538**

**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 Choir Practice 2.00pm – 5.00pm)

Evening Prayer is at 6.00 pm.

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## **For your prayers this week:**

### **The Church:**

The Parish of Stevington in our Diocese.

The Church in the Province of the West Indies.

The Church’s ministry to refugee and migrant people.

### **The World:**

The work of the United Nations.

People displaced from their homes by climate change.

Kurdish, Syrian and Turkish people involved in conflict in Syria.

### **The Community and Parish:** Preparation for our Christmas Fair.

Preparations for our Christmas Services.

Staff and Residents at the Chase Care Centre.

### **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,

Baby Adelaide Tonkin, Peter White; and all who care for them.

### **The Departed:** Beena Chechi.

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**COLLECT**

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy;  
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 31.27–34**

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

- <sup>27</sup> The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals.
- <sup>28</sup> And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the LORD.
- <sup>29</sup> In those days they shall no longer say: ‘The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge.’
- <sup>30</sup> But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge.
- <sup>31</sup> The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah.
- <sup>32</sup> It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt – a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD.
- <sup>33</sup> But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.
- <sup>34</sup> No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

## **SECOND READING 2 Timothy 3.14 – 4.5**

A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy.

- <sup>14</sup> Continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it,  
<sup>15</sup> and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.  
<sup>16</sup> All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,  
<sup>17</sup> so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.  
<sup>1</sup> In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you:  
<sup>2</sup> proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching.  
<sup>3</sup> For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires,  
<sup>4</sup> and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths.  
<sup>5</sup> As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

## **GOSPEL Luke 18.1–8**

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

- <sup>1</sup> Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart.  
<sup>2</sup> He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people.  
<sup>3</sup> In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent."  
<sup>4</sup> For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone,  
<sup>5</sup> yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming."  
<sup>6</sup> And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says.  
<sup>7</sup> And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them?  
<sup>8</sup> I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'

## **THIS WEEK**

Mon	21	Oct	Toddlers' Group	10 – 11.30am
Wed	23	Oct	Food Bank and Coffee in Church	10.00am – 12 noon
Thu	24	Oct	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			(Funeral in church)	11.00am – 6.00pm)
Fri	25	Oct	Laurance Haines School Harvest	9.00am – 12 noon
Sun	27	Oct	<b><u>LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY</u></b>	
			(British Summer Time ends at 2am: clocks go back one hour)	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George)	8.00am
			<b>SUNG EUCHARIST - MEMORIAL SERVICE</b>	<b>9.30am</b>
			(President and preacher: Fr Geoff);	
			followed by a Bring-&-Buy Sale	
			Children's Church in Littlebury Hall	
			Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church	1.00 – 5.00pm
			Evening Prayer	6.00pm

## **NOTICES**

**TODAY SUNDAY 20th OCTOBER** is the end of the **Week of Prayer for World Peace**. There will be "Planting for Peace" this afternoon 2.00pm-3.30pm in the Peace Garden in Cassiobury Park.

**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. There are only four places remaining. Payment and menu choices please by Sunday 27th October to Martin Matthews.

**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.

**SATURDAY 16th NOVEMBER** (11.30am – 2.30pm) is the **CHRISTMAS FAIR** Sign-up sheets are at the back of church for help on the day and for setting up on Friday 15th morning and afternoon. There is also a list for donations of food items for the lunches.

We would also appreciate donations for raffle prizes, tombola and bottles of wine for stalls. In addition, we plan to have a bottle stall which can be any type of bottle so all donations welcome – the more obscure the better! Donations of wine bags would also be very welcome.

There are boxes on the bier to receive all donations - by 10th November if possible, please.

**FINAL COPY DATE** for November Sword is next Sunday, 27 October. Hard copy to Rob White or email to [swordparishmagazine@googlemail.com](mailto:swordparishmagazine@googlemail.com)