



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 17
23 September 2018

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist Fr Geoff celebrates and preaches. Graham Mordue leads the intercessions.

Hymns: 163, 432, 393 and 468

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 1.00 – 6.30pm)

Evening Prayer (Littlebury Hall) 6.00pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Parish of Rickmansworth in our Diocese.

The Anglican Church of Tanzania, Maimbo Ndolwa its Archbishop and all its People.

The work of the Anglican Church of Zambia against gender-based violence.

The World: Victims of natural disaster in the USA, Philippines, and South India.

All those affected by high winds in the UK.

Victims of violent crime.

The Community and Parish: Littlebury Family Centre.

Watford Interfaith Association.

All those who will be attending the War Memorial Dedication.

The Ill and the Housebound: Especially Christopher Bilson, Marion Craddock-Jones, Kate Dickinson, Audrey Dixon, Cynthia Dixon, Claire Dunning, Jemima Hill, Peter Hinchey, Lionel Jones, Mary Kearns, Lesley Kinch, Loretta Lynch, Craig McKay, Lisa Mills, Dorcas Ochola, Christina Simon, Mark Simon, Norma 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 Proverbs 31.10–31

A reading from the book of Proverbs.

- ¹⁰ A capable wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels.
¹¹ The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain.
¹² She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life.
¹³ She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands.
¹⁴ She is like the ships of the merchant, she brings her food from far away.
¹⁵ She rises while it is still night and provides food for her household and tasks for her servant-girls.
¹⁶ She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.
¹⁷ She girds herself with strength, and makes her arms strong.
¹⁸ She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out at night.
¹⁹ She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle.
²⁰ She opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hands to the needy.
²¹ She is not afraid for her household when it snows, for all her household are clothed in crimson.
²² She makes herself coverings; her clothing is fine linen and purple.
²³ Her husband is known in the city gates, taking his seat among the elders of the land.
²⁴ She makes linen garments and sells them; she supplies the merchant with sashes.
²⁵ Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come.
²⁶ She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.
²⁷ She looks well to the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness.
²⁸ Her children rise up and call her happy; her husband too, and he praises her:
²⁹ 'Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all.'
³⁰ Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.
³¹ Give her a share in the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the city gates.

SECOND READING James 3.13 – 4.3, 7–8a

A reading from the letter of James.

- ¹³ Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom.
- ¹⁴ But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth.
- ¹⁵ Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish.
- ¹⁶ For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind.
- ¹⁷ But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy.
- ¹⁸ And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.
- ¹ Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you?
- ² You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask.
- ³ You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.
- ⁷ Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.
- ⁸ Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

GOSPEL Mark 9.30–37

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. After leaving the mountain

- ³⁰ Jesus and his disciples went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;
- ³¹ for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, ‘The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.’
- ³² But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.
- ³³ Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, ‘What were you arguing about on the way?’
- ³⁴ But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest.
- ³⁵ He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, ‘Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.’
- ³⁶ Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them,
- ³⁷ ‘Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.’

THIS WEEK

Mon	24	Sep	Toddlers' Group	10.00 – 11.30am
			Intercessory Prayer Group (Choir Vestry)	2.30pm
Wed	26	Sep	Food Bank	10.00am – 12 noon
			Coffee in Church	10.30am – 12 noon
Thur	27	Sep	Holy Communion	10.00am
Sat	29	Sep	Dedication of the War memorial Cross (see Notices)	2.00pm
Sun	30	Sep	<u>St MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS</u>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST (President and Preacher: Fr Geoff)	9.30am
			Children's Church in Littlebury Hall	
			Evening Prayer	6.00pm

NOTICES

THE WAR MEMORIAL CROSS is to be dedicated by the Rt Revd Richard Atkinson, Bishop of Bedford at 2.00 pm next Saturday 29th September. Before the service there will be a medley of period songs played by the musicians of "Brass Bandits" conducted by Christine Deeley. There will be refreshments in church afterwards.

If you can help with the refreshments, please see Elizabeth Watkin.

WHODUNNIT? Please keep October 13th clear to come and enjoy a Murder Mystery Play "The Murder at The White Lion" presented by Rickmansworth Players. We will be making up tables of 6 to 8 people to come and be entertained over a meal. The cast will act out 5 scenes while we watch and try to solve the mystery (don't panic - no-one in the audience will have to join in with the plot). Any, and every, offer of help will be very much appreciated. Selling tickets to family, friends and neighbours will be a great way to help as well as offers for catering, moving furniture, setting out and clearing up and all the other usual jobs!

Three - course Supper included. £20.00 per ticket. Bar available.

Tickets and more details from Elizabeth Watkin or Valerie Blacklock.

With many thanks,

Elizabeth and the Social Committee

FINAL COPY DATE FOR THE OCTOBER SWORD is midday today Sunday, 23rd September Hard copy to Rob White or email to swordparishmagazine@googlemail.com.

ADVANCE DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:

7th October: Harvest