



# THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

*St Michael and All Angels*

Watford

**TRINITY 10**  
**5 August 2018**

A warm welcome to our services today.

There is our monthly “First Sunday of the Month Service” at 9.30 am. Fr Geoff celebrates and there will be a Presentation by the children.

**Hymns: 418, 485, 308 (t.i) and 277**

**Setting: Thorne**

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

Evening Prayer at 6.00 pm

CPR Prayer Walk starts from St Michael’s at 8.00 pm.

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

**The Church:** The Parish of Watton-at-Stone in our Diocese.

The Scottish Episcopal Church, Mark Strange its Primus and all its people.

The people of Churches in Greece helping refugees.

**The World:** The people of Zimbabwe following their election.

Employees of failing and struggling High Street chains.

Road accident victims.

**The Community and Parish:** Residents and Staff at River Court, Home Manor and St Anthony’s.

Christians across Watford.

The young people of our Childrens’ Church and Toddler Group.

**The Ill and the Housebound:** Especially Christopher Bilson, Peter Coley, Marion Craddock-Jones, Kate Dickinson, Audrey Dixon, Cynthia Dixon, Claire Dunning, Jemima Hill, Peter Hinchey, Lionel Jones, Mary Kearns, Lesley Kinch, Loretta Lynch, Lisa Mills, Dorcas Ochola, Christina Simon, Mark Simon, Norma Stone, Baby Adelaide Tonkin, Peter White; and all who care for them.

**The Departed:** Renie Morgan.

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**Collect**

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you;  
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 2 Samuel 11.26 – 12.13a**

A reading from the second book of Samuel.

- 26 When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him.
- 27 When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD,
- 1 The LORD sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, 'There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor.
- 2 The rich man had very many flocks and herds;
- 3 but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meagre fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him.
- 4 Now there came a traveller to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him.'
- 5 Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, 'As the LORD lives, the man who has done this deserves to die;
- 6 he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.'
- 7 Nathan said to David, 'You are the man! Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul;
- 8 I gave you your master's house, and your master's wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more.
- 9 Why have you despised the word of the LORD, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites.
- 10 Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.
- 11 Thus says the LORD: I will raise up trouble against you from within your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes, and give them to your neighbour, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this very sun.
- 12 For you did it secretly; but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun.'
- 13 David said to Nathan, 'I have sinned against the LORD.' Nathan said to David, 'Now the LORD has put away your sin; you shall not die.'

## SECOND READING Ephesians 4: 1-6, 11-12 (Good News Bible)

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

I urge you, then - I who am a prisoner because I serve the Lord: live a life that measures up to the standard God set when he called you.

Be always humble, gentle, and patient. Show your love by being tolerant with one another.

Do your best to preserve the unity which the Spirit gives by means of the peace that binds you together.

There is one body and one Spirit, just as there is one hope to which God has called you.

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism; there is one God and Father of all people, who is Lord of all, works through all, and is in all.

It was he who "gave gifts to people"; he appointed some to be apostles, others to be prophets, others to be evangelists, others to be pastors and teachers.

He did this to prepare all God's people for the work of Christian service, in order to build up the body of Christ.

## GOSPEL John 6.24-35

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

<sup>24</sup> When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were at the place where Jesus had given the bread, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

<sup>25</sup> When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?'

<sup>26</sup> Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves.

<sup>27</sup> Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.'

<sup>28</sup> Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?'

<sup>29</sup> Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.'

<sup>30</sup> So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?'

<sup>31</sup> Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat."

<sup>32</sup> Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.'

<sup>34</sup> They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.'

<sup>35</sup> Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

## **THIS WEEK**

Mon	6	Aug	Toddlers' Group	10.00 – 11.30am
Tue	7	Aug	Family Picnic	from 10.00am
Wed	8	Aug	Food Bank	10.00am – 12 noon
			Coffee in Church	10.30am – 12 noon
Thur	9	Aug	Holy Communion	10.00am
			Communion at St Anthony's	morning
Sun	12	Aug	<b><u>TRINITY 11</u></b>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST (President and Preacher: Fr Geoff)	9.30am
			Children's Church in Littlebury Hall	
			(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church	1.00 – 5.00pm)
			Evening Prayer	6.00pm
			(CPR Prayer Walk	8.00pm)

## **NOTICES**

THE WAR MEMORIAL CROSS is to be dedicated on Saturday 29th September, at 2.00 pm by the Rt Revd Richard Atkinson, Bishop of Bedford, followed by refreshments.

BEDS AND HERTS HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST: The day when the Historic Churches Trust have their sponsored Bike n' Hike Day is Saturday, 8 September. Hundreds of Churches open their doors on this day for people to visit, moving round their chosen area either by cycling, walking, riding or any other means that appeals. Everyone who does this is sponsored and forms for sponsoring are available from Bob Bilson. It may be that your time of walking, etc is past in which case use your form to be sponsored for helping to clean or tidy the church or mend service books or hymn books. The Church is also open on this day for visitors to see inside - encourage your friends and neighbours to come along, see inside our beautiful Church and look at the stock on Norma's stall, and the book stall.

FAMILY PICNIC for accompanied children. Meet at church on Tuesday August 7th at 10.00 am. Details form Gill Heath.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

25<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30 pm. Concert by the Watford Youth Sinfonia at St Michaels. Tickets: Adults – £12; Concessions – £10; Students – £7 on the door. More information on their website: <http://watforyouthsinfonia.com>.

13<sup>th</sup> October: Murder Mystery Play. Please ask your friends. Tables of 6. 3 - course Supper included. £20.00 per ticket. Bar available. More details from Elizabeth Watkin or Valerie Blacklock.