



# THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

*St Michael and All Angels*

Watford

**TRINITY 15**  
**9 September 2018**

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist Fr Geoff celebrates and Violet Allen-Smith preaches. Sarah Dunning leads the intercessions.

**Hymns: 369, 383, 475 and 534**

**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 – 5.00 pm)

Evening Prayer 6.00 pm.

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

**The Church:** The Parish of St Paul, Luton in our Diocese.  
The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.  
The Anglican Church in Myanmar (Burma).

**The World:** All work helping to prepare communities for possible natural disaster.

All whose harvests have been damaged by extreme weather conditions.

The prevention of conflict, corruption and injustice across the world.

**The Community and Parish:** Children, staff, and families in our Schools.

Residents and Staff at The Chase, Home Manor and St Anthony's.

The RAF Association Kings Langley and Abbots Langley (covering Watford).

**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:**

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**COLLECT**

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love:

grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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 22.1–2, 8–9, 22–23**

A reading from the book of Proverbs.

- <sup>1</sup> A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favour is better than silver or gold.
- <sup>2</sup> The rich and the poor have this in common: the LORD is the maker of them all.
- <sup>8</sup> Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail.
- <sup>9</sup> Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor.
- <sup>22</sup> Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate;
- <sup>23</sup> for the LORD pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them.

**SECOND READING James 2.1–10, 14–17**

A reading from the letter of James.

- <sup>1</sup> My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ?
- <sup>2</sup> For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in,
- <sup>3</sup> and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please,' while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there,' or, 'Sit at my feet,'
- <sup>4</sup> have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts?
- <sup>5</sup> Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him?
- <sup>6</sup> But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court?
- <sup>7</sup> Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?
- <sup>8</sup> You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.'

<sup>9</sup> But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors.  
<sup>10</sup> For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.  
<sup>14</sup> What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you?  
<sup>15</sup> If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food,  
<sup>16</sup> and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,' and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that?  
<sup>17</sup> So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

## **GOSPEL Mark 7.24–37**

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

<sup>24</sup> Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice,  
<sup>25</sup> but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet.  
<sup>26</sup> Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter.  
<sup>27</sup> He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.'  
<sup>28</sup> But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.'  
<sup>29</sup> Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go – the demon has left your daughter.'  
<sup>30</sup> So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.  
<sup>31</sup> Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis.  
<sup>32</sup> They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him.  
<sup>33</sup> He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue.  
<sup>34</sup> Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.'  
<sup>35</sup> And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly.  
<sup>36</sup> Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it.  
<sup>37</sup> They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'

## **THIS WEEK**

Mon	10	Sep	Toddlers' Group	10.00 – 11.30am
Wed	12	Sep	Food Bank	10.00am – 12 noon
			Coffee in Church	10.30am – 12 noon
			Service at Home Manor	2.30pm
Thur	13	Sep	Holy Communion	10.00am
			St Anthony's	morning
Sun	16	Sep	<b><u>TRINITY 16</u></b>	
			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**

**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

**BRING-AND-BUY SALE:** Last month's sale raised £43. Thank you to all who contributed.

### **DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:**

29th September, at 2.00 pm. The War Memorial Cross is to be dedicated by the Rt Revd Richard Atkinson, Bishop of Bedford, followed by refreshments.

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