



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 17
22 September 2013

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist Fr Geoff celebrates and Martin Heath preaches. Valerie Alvarez leads the intercessions.

Hymns: 4, 583, 279 (t559), 322 and 430

Setting: Rawsthorne

Tea and coffee will be served in church after the 9.30 service – please stay on.

(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church 1-7pm)
(NO evening service)

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The parish of Sharnbrook in our Deanery.
The Diocese of Upper Shire in Central Africa, Brighton Vitta Malasa
its Bishop and all its people.
The Episcopal Church in the Philippines.

The World: The people of Syria.
People suffering through flooding and landslides in Mexico.
Sufferers from Alzheimers Disease.

The Community and Parish: Our organist and choir.
Funeral Directors in our Area.
Watford Food Bank.

The Ill and the Housebound: Especially Bruce Alexander, Janet Bridge, Revd
Duncan Campbell, Jean and Robert Caton, Tony Coles, Peter Coley,
Bill and Marion Craddock-Jones, Jean Crouch, Pamela Cutler,
Audrey Dixon, Jessie Hobby, Jenny Houghton, Audrey Jaquest,
Mary Kearns, Lesley Kinch, Loretta Lynch, Jacqui Lyons, Audrey
Morgan, Dorcas Ochola, Brian O’Riordan, Helen Perry, Myrtle
Powell, Mark Pritchard, Christina and David Simon, Mark Simon,
Anne Wightman and Andrew Williams.

The Departed:

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY YEAR C

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.

OT READING Jeremiah 8.18 – 9.1

(Not read)

The word of the LORD through the prophet:

¹⁸ *My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick.*

¹⁹ *Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land: 'Is the LORD not in Zion? Is her King not in her?' ('Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?')*

²⁰ *'The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.'*

²¹ *For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me.*

²² *Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored?*

¹ *O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people!*

NT READING I Timothy 2.1–7

A reading from the first letter of Paul to Timothy.

My dearly beloved,

¹ I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone,

² for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity.

³ This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour,

⁴ who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

⁵ For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human,

⁶ who gave himself a ransom for all – this was attested at the right time.

⁷ For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

GOSPEL Luke 16.1–13

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

- ¹ Jesus said to the disciples, ‘There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property.
- ² So he summoned him and said to him, “What is this that I hear about you? Give me an account of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.”
- ³ Then the manager said to himself, “What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg.
- ⁴ I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.”
- ⁵ So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, “How much do you owe my master?”
- ⁶ He answered, “A hundred jugs of olive oil.” He said to him, “Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.”
- ⁷ Then he asked another, “And how much do you owe?” He replied, “A hundred containers of wheat.” He said to him, “Take your bill and make it eighty.”
- ⁸ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light.
- ⁹ And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.
- ¹⁰ Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much.
- ¹¹ If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches?
- ¹² And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own?
- ¹³ No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.’

THIS WEEK

Mon	23	Sep	Toddlers' Group	10.00 – 11.30am
Wed	25	Sep	Coffee in Church. Food Bank distribution	10.30am-12 noon
Thu	26	Sep	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			Choir practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
Fri	27	Sep	MICHAELMAS Weekend	
			ORGAN RECITAL by ANDREW BENOY	7.00pm
			followed by refreshments (see Notices below)	
Sun	29	Sep	MICHAELMAS – Patronal Festival	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST	9.30am
			Preacher: The Archdeacon of St Albans, the Venerable Jonathan Smith	
			(service followed by refreshments)	
			CHOIR REUNION	from 3.00pm
			CHORAL EVENSONG with augmented choir	6.00pm
			followed by supper for all	

NOTICES

FINAL COPY DATE FOR THE OCTOBER SWORD is MIDDAY today, Sunday, 22 September. Hard copy or floppy disc to Dennis Beach or email to dhbeach@sky.com.

FOOD BANK: There is a list of the items of food that can be included in the food parcels in particular there is a need for tinned meat and meat pies, and UHT milk. If you would like to donate any of these items please bring them to church and put them in the box at the west end.

TICKETS FOR ORGAN RECITAL ON 27 SEPTEMBER at 7pm BY ANDREW BENOY: These are on sale from Sylvia Moring at £8 each. The tickets include refreshments after the recital - please bring your own drinks.

WATFORD NEW HOPE TRUST'S COMMUNITY MARKET GARDEN in Rickmansworth Road will be holding an open day on Saturday 28th September from 10am until 3pm. Light refreshments, children's activities, storytelling in the yurt, craft demonstrations, poetry readings, art displays and of course their wonderful garden produce including winter pansies, primroses and Christmas flowering bulbs. More info from Gillian Heath.

QUESTIONNAIRES are still available for members of the congregation to give their feedback on the trial of the new arrangement for the placing of the altar, chairs and choir for Sunday morning worship. **Please return the completed forms TODAY Sunday 22 September.**

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:

13 OCTOBER Harvest Festival will be at 10.30am. It will be a Sung Eucharist and there will not be services at 9.30 or 11.15.