



# THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

*St Michael and All Angels*

Watford

**TRINITY 21**  
**20 October 2013**

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist Fr Geoff celebrates, Violet Allen-Smith preaches and Sylvia Moring leads the intercessions.

**Hymns: 474, 385, 304, 281 and 81**

**Setting: Rawsthorne**

Coffee and tea will be served in church after the 9.30 service – please stay on.

The Six O’Clock Series is a Celtic Service at 6.00 pm..

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

**The Church:** The Parish of Holy Trinity Stevenage in our Diocese.  
The Diocese of The Arctic (Rupe’s Land, Canada), Andrew Atagotaaluk, its Bishop and all its people.

The work of the Church for the education of South Africa’s children.

**The World:** People struggling on low wages.  
All those working to bring world peace.  
People with speech impediments.

**The Community and Parish:** Laurance Haines School.  
Our Brownies.  
West Watford Community Association.

**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, Sandra Fullerton, 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, Phoebe Tolley, Anne Wightman and Andrew Williams.

**The Departed:**

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**COLLECT**

Grant, we beseech you, merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; 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	10.00 – 11.30am
			Laurance Haines School rehearsal	1.30 – 3.00pm
Tue	22	Oct	Intercessory Prayer group (Choir Vestry)	2.30pm
			Messy Church meeting (79 Harwoods Road)	8.00pm
Wed	23	Oct	Coffee in Church.	10.30am-12 noon
Thu	24	Oct	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			Laurance Haines School setting up	3.45pm
			Choir practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
Fri	25	Oct	Laurance Haines School Harvest Thanksgiving	9.00am – 12 noon
Sun	27	Oct	<b><u>LAST AFTER TRINITY</u></b>	
			<i>(British Summer Time ends at 2.00am)</i>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George)	8.00am
			<b>SUNG EUCHARIST</b> (President and Preacher: Fr George)	9.30am
			followed by Bring-&-Buy Sale	
			(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church)	1.00 - 5.00pm)
			Evening Prayer	6.00pm)

## **NOTICES**

**THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE GATHERING** is tonight (Sunday 20 October). It's free and all are welcome to attend this uplifting and informal event at Friends Meeting House, Church Road at 7.30. Please bring friends and family, there will be nice refreshments too, and a chance to speak with people of all different faiths.

**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.

**FINAL COPY DATE FOR THE NOVEMBER SWORD** is MIDDAY today, Sunday, 20 October. Hard copy or floppy disc to Dennis Beach or email to dhbeach@sky.com.

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

16 November                      St Michael's Christmas Fair. Please read about it in the October edition of SWORD and make sure you have written the date in your diary. There is a table at the west end of the church with a list asking for volunteers to help with different jobs. Please sign this if you are able to help. There is also a box on the table for items that can be sold or used as raffle or tombola prizes. Please support St Michael's Christmas Fair as much as you can.

17 November                      Interfaith Pilgrimage starting from the Watford and District Synagogue in Nascot Road at 1.30 for 2pm. Visits four other places of worship in Watford: St Mary's Parish Church, the Central Mosque, Holy Rood Catholic Church, and finishes at the Gurdwara in Ladys Close.

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