

Dates for your diary..

Every Wednesday 10am-12noon

The Church will be open for tea and coffee

Every Thursday 10am

You are welcome to join us at our 10am Eucharist, it is available to attend in person but will also be live streamed.

Sunday 22nd September

There is a street party in Mildred Avenue, for which the Road will be closed from the Junction with Durban Road to the Junction with Park Avenue, and there will be no parking available on that section of road. Durban Road will be available for parking.

29th September

You are invited to join us at Fr. Geoff's farewell parish lunch. Please inform Elizabeth Watkin of your intention to attend by 15th September.

Monday 14th October at 7.30pm in Church

Informal Vacancy Meeting with Bishop Jane, Archdeacon Charles and Peter Waddell, Rural Dean. All welcome to attend. A chance for people to ask questions and make suggestions for the future direction of the church.

Saturday 30th November 11.30 – 14.30

Christmas Fair - further details to follow

The Diocese is advertising for two part-time administrators to work with the Education Team at Holywell Lodge Further details are available on their website at <https://www.stalbansdiocese.org/vacancies-role/diocesan-roles/>

Celebrating Our Community - this week we shine a spotlight on Margaret Shrive

Thank you Maggie for your generous donation of 12 little chairs to our ever growing toddler Church. Little Mick's really appreciate them and they say

*Thank
you!*

First Aid Kits
Outside the clergy vestry.
In the ladies toilet.

Baby Changing
In the ladies toilet

Every donation that is made to **SAINT MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS PCC WATFORD** is gratefully received.

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THE MESSENGER



TRINITY 16 Sunday 15th September 2024

A warm welcome to our service today. At communion, there will be a chalice on your left for those who wish to receive by drinking, and on your right for those who wish to receive by dipping their wafer in the wine.

You are also welcome to just receive the bread.

Hymns for this Sunday are: **557, 2, 468, 398**

In your prayers this week:

The Church

The Parish of St Andrew Woodside in our Diocese
The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)
The Archbishops of Canterbury and York

The World

Those at danger of or suffering from mpox
People living in rented accommodation
Those still suffering from 9/11

The Community and Parish

Our PCC members
The work of safeguarding at St Michael's
Our organists and choir members

The Ill and the Housebound

Especially Jean Alexander, Violet Allen-Smith, Julie Alvarez, Janet Chandler, Jemima Hill, Linda Hunt, Owen Hutchinson, Charles Kilner, Brian O'Riordan, Valerie O'Riordan, Matthew Paterson, Josephine Stadden, Catherine Stone, Fay Storey, Adelaide Tonkin and all who care for them.

The Departed

Collect

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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 1: 20-33

Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice. At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: ‘How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge? Give heed to my reproof; I will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my words known to you. Because I have called and you refused, have stretched out my hand and no one heeded, and because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof, also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when panic strikes you, when panic strikes you like a storm, and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you. Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but will not find me. Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the Lord, would have none of my counsel, and despised all my reproof, therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way and be sated with their own devices. For waywardness kills the simple, and the complacency of fools destroys them; but those who listen to me will be secure and will live at ease, without dread of disaster.’

SECOND READING

James 3:1-12

Taming the Tongue

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

GOSPEL

Mark 8:27-38

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that I am?’ And they answered him, ‘John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.’ He asked them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Peter answered him, ‘You are the Messiah.’ And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, ‘Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.’

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, ‘If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.’