

Happening in church this week..

Monday	10am - 12pm - Little Micks Toddler Church 5.30pm - Evening Prayer
Wednesday	10am-12noon - Coffee morning and Foodbank
Thursday	5.30pm - Eucharist
Friday	2.20pm-3.30pm - Home Group 5.30pm - Evening prayer
Sunday	9.30am - Sung Eucharist

Celebrating Our Community - this week we shine a spotlight on Stephen Bye,

Thank you for generously sharing your skills and time to compile our Annual Report. Your work truly enhanced our meeting and is greatly appreciated!

*Thank
you!*

If you would like to shine a spotlight on someone, please email **halfsentence@gmail.com** with their name and a brief explanation.

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.

Code 20-91-79

Account 70409448.

Gift Aid? Please contact a warden.

Thank you very much!

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St Michael & All Angels,
Watford

THE MESSENGER



7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**SUNDAY AFTER
ASCENSION DAY**

Sunday 1st June
2025

Welcome to our first Sunday service of the month. 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:

376

And can it be

380

At the name of
Jesus (omit *)

490

Jesus shall reign

398

Christ triumphant

In your prayers this week:

The Church

Our PCC as they meet this coming Wednesday.

Diocesan Advisory Committee and Emma Critchley (Pastoral and Advisory Secretary) ACP: Anglican Church of Korea

The World

The people of Ukraine and Gaza and all others living in conflict. Bring an end to violence, and sow seeds of reconciliation. Strengthen those who lead—grant them wisdom, courage, and compassion. Open paths for aid to reach all who suffer. Let justice, healing, and peace prevail.

The Community and Parish

Herts and Middlesex Wildlife trust and their work managing nature reserves, campaigning for wildlife protection, and promoting volunteer involvement in reserve maintenance.

For the homeless in our community, that they may feel loved, supported, and empowered to pursue the life they desire, and for all who work tirelessly to support them.

For all young people taking exams this exam season.

For Jude Merriman-Duggan, his parents Daniel and Harriet and his Godparents as we welcome him into our Church family.

The Ill and the Housebound

Especially Jean Alexander, Julie Alvarez, Janet Chandler, David Dimmock, Mihai Fezariu, Jemima Hill, Zuzana Hruskova, Owen Hutchinson, Sylvia Obeng, Valerie O'Riordan, Morris Parbhu, Matthew Paterson, Josephine Stadden, Catherine Stone, Fay Storey, Keziah Thairu, Adelaide Tonkin, Allan Warren and all who care for them.

The Departed

Collect

Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father.

FIRST READING

Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, ‘Come over to Macedonia and help us.’ After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

Lydia’s conversion in Philippi

From Troas we put out to sea and sailed straight for Samothrace, and the next day we went on to Neapolis. From there we travelled to Philippi, a Roman colony and the leading city of that district of Macedonia. And we stayed there several days.

On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there. One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshipper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul’s message. When she and the members of her household were baptised, she invited us to her home. ‘If you consider me a believer in the Lord,’ she said, ‘come and stay at my house.’ And she persuaded us.

GOSPEL

Luke 24:44-53

Jesus said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you. Everything written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms must come true.”

Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, “This is what is written. The Messiah will suffer. He will rise from the dead on the third day. His followers will preach in his name. They will tell others to turn away from their sins and be forgiven. People from every nation will hear it, beginning at Jerusalem. You have seen these things with your own eyes. I am going to send you what my Father has promised. But for now, stay in the city. Stay there until you have received power from heaven.”

Jesus Is Taken Up Into Heaven

Jesus led his disciples out to the area near Bethany. Then he lifted up his hands and blessed them. While he was blessing them, he left them. He was taken up into heaven. Then they worshiped him. With great joy, they returned to Jerusalem. Every day they went to the temple, praising God.