

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.

Wednesday 4th September 12.00

There will be a large funeral here at St Michael's. There is likely to be congestion in the area for about an hour

Saturday 14th September 9am-5pm

Sponsored Bike and Hike to raise funds for Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust. Volunteers required please to man the church for the day. For details see Jane Talbot.

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

Fr. Geoff's farewell parish lunch. Please see Maggie with offers of help with the food. Please inform Elizabeth Watkin of your intention to attend.

Celebrating Our Community - this week we shine a spotlight on our Coffee and Tea Making Team

Thank you for making our Sunday and Wednesday mornings so much better! Your coffee, tea, and delicious treats are a real blessing and bring our community closer together. We appreciate all your hard work and dedication.

Our Coffee and Tea Team

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

Thank you!

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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Account 70409448.

Gift Aid? Please contact a warden.

Thank you very much!

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THE MESSENGER



TRINITY 14 Sunday 1st September 2024

A warm welcome to our all age 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: **626, 583, 619, 538**

In your prayers this week:

The Church

The St Albans Cathedral Education Centre
The Anglican Church of Mozambique and Angola
People exploring Reader and Ordained Ministry

The World

Sufferers from migraine
People living with dementia
Awareness of urology health issues

The Community and Parish

Our young people
All those who will be involved in appointing a new parish priest
Safeguarding at St Michael's

The Ill and the Housebound

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

The Departed

Lucille Barrow

Collect

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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

1 Corinthians 1:26-end

For what seems to be God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and what seems to be God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Now remember what you were, my friends, when God called you. From the human point of view few of you were wise or powerful or of high social standing.

God purposely chose what the world considers nonsense in order to shame the wise, and he chose what the world considers weak in order to shame the powerful.

He chose what the world looks down on and despises and thinks is nothing, in order to destroy what the world thinks is important.

This means that no one can boast in God's presence.

But God has brought you into union with Christ Jesus, and God has made Christ to be our wisdom. By him we are put right with God; we become God's holy people and are set free.

So then, as the scripture says, "Whoever wants to boast must boast of what the Lord has done."

GOSPEL

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

The Tradition of the Elders

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

"This people honours me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;
in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines."

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.'

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.' For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'