

Happening in church this week..

Monday 10am-12noon - Little Micks
5.30pm - Evening Prayer

Wednesday 10am-12noon - Coffee morning and Foodbank
5.30pm - Eucharist

Friday 5.30pm - Evening prayer

Sunday 9.30am - Sung Eucharist

Celebrating Our Community - this week we shine a spotlight on Clare Freed,

Clare is one of our amazing Little Mick's Mummies. Clare went above and beyond by staying with an elderly member of our community and accompanying them to the hospital after they collapsed in the street. Your kindness and compassion truly make you a star, Claire!

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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Watford

THE MESSENGER



5TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sunday 20th July 2025

Welcome to our service today. Father Stephen will be officiating.

Hymns for this Sunday are:	619 When morning gilds the skies	457 Hark my soul it is the Lord	519 Make me a channel of your peace	494 King of glory, King of peace
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In your prayers this week:

The Church

Hertford, St Andrew with St Nicholas (Hertford and Ware) Alan Stewart
ACP: United Church of Pakistan

The World

All affected by war and hardship, especially in Gaza, Israel, Ukraine, and Russia. May leaders act with wisdom and compassion, mindful of the pain their choices carry. May peace take root where there is conflict, and hope where there is despair.

All who suffer from the effects of climate change. Bring relief to those in danger, and strength to those rebuilding. Stir our hearts to care for Your creation, and guide us to live responsibly and with compassion.

The Community and Parish

For our church family and the community we serve.
Bless every activity we undertake, that Your love may be known through us. We pray especially for the Quiz Night - may it be a joyful time of connection, welcome, and care.
Grant us patience as we continue to trust that God will provide the right person to lead us as our vicar
All our Little Mick's children who have reached school age and will be moving on in September.

The Ill and the Housebound

Especially Jean Alexander, Julie Alvarez, Janet Chandler, David Dimmock, Baby Eli, 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.

Collect

Almighty God, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

FIRST READING

Colossians 1.15–28

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him—provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 10.38–end

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.

But the Lord answered her, Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.