

Happening in church this week..

Monday	10am-12md Little Mick's 5.30pm - Evening Prayer
Wednesday	10am-12noon - Coffee morning and Foodbank 5.30pm - Eucharist
Friday	5.30pm - Evening prayer
Sunday	9.30am - Festival Eucharist

Celebrating Our Community - this week we shine a spotlight on our friends from 136 Mildred Avenue

Our friends from 136 Mildred Avenue both residents and carers alike. Your faithful presence at worship and the warmth you bring to our community, especially through our post-service chats, are truly 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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THE MESSENGER



14 SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY - MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

Sunday 21st September 2025

Welcome to our service today. Father Robert Fletcher is presiding.

Hymns

for this Sunday
are:

604

Through all the
changing scenes of life

583

Teach me,
my God and King

279

And now, O Father,
mindful of the love

581

Take my life, and
let it be

In your prayers this week:

The Church

Croxley Green, St Oswald (in vacancy) (Rickmansworth) (Rs) Tony Barton, Magdalana Pletsch (LLW) Colin Nunn

ACP: Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

The World

We pray for all scarred by war—in Ukraine, Sudan, Gaza, Israel, Russia, and beyond. For the displaced and grieving, Lord, bring hope, healing, and belonging. Turn leaders to peace over power, dialogue over destruction, compassion over conquest. Make us peacemakers where conflict has reigned.

For all suffering from storms, fires, floods, and drought—bring comfort, strength, and peace. Teach us to live in harmony with creation, to act wisely, care deeply, and walk with reverence.

The Community and Parish

Stir the heart of the one you are preparing to serve with us. As they read our profile, may they hear your voice, feel your guiding hand, and be inspired to walk alongside us with faith, courage, and hope.

Teach us to be wise with all you have given—our time, resources, and relationships. Help us choose generosity over greed, faithfulness over fear, and make our parish a place of honesty, care, and love. Guide our hearts to serve You above all.

The Ill and the Housebound

Especially Doreen Abbott, Jean Alexander, Julie Alvarez, Janet Chandler, David Dimmock, Mihai Fezariu, Zuzana Hruskova, Owen Hutchinson, Sylvia Obeng, Valerie O'Riordan, Morris Parbhu, Matthew Paterson, Fay Storey, Keziah Thairu, Adelaide Tonkin and all who care for them

The Departed

Catherine Stone

Collect

O Almighty God, whose blessed Son called Matthew the tax collector to be an apostle and evangelist: give us grace to forsake the selfish pursuit of gain and the possessive love of riches that we may follow in the way of your Son Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 8.18–9.1

My joy is gone, grief is upon me,
my heart is sick. Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land: Is the Lord not in Zion? Is her King not in her? (Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?) The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved. For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me. Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored? O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people!

SECOND READING

1 Timothy 2.1–7

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings should be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 16.1–13

Then Jesus said to the disciples, There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, What is this that I hear about you? Give me an account of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer. Then the manager said to himself, What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes. So, summoning his masters debtors one by one, he asked the first, How much do you owe my master? He answered, A hundred jugs of olive oil. He said to him, Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty. Then he asked another, And how much do you owe? He replied, A hundred containers of wheat. He said to him, Take your bill and make it eighty. And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.