

Happening in church this week..

Monday	5.30pm - Evening Prayer
Wednesday	10am-12noon - Coffee morning and Foodbank 5.30pm - Eucharist
Friday	5.30pm - Evening prayer
Sunday	9.30am - Sung Eucharist - All Age Service

Celebrating Our Community - this week we shine a spotlight on Jane Hart,

Spotlight on Jane for her kindness and community spirit!
Jane has generously stepped up to help with putting out the church bins and filling in our Church Remembrance Book.
Your quiet acts of service make a big difference—thank you, Jane, for being such a valued part of our church family.

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



6TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sunday 27th July 2025

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

Hymns for this Sunday are:	357 Lord of lords and King eternal	496 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us	416 Father, hear the prayer we offer	606 Thy hand, O God, has guided
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In your prayers this week:

The Church

Stanstead Abbots (Hertford and Ware) Sarah Forrest, (Rs) Lynn Griffith, Rachel Melrose

ACP: Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

The World

For all who suffer from war and hardship—especially in Gaza, Sudan, Israel, Ukraine, and Russia—grant protection, strength, and comfort. Guide leaders with compassion and courage to choose peace over pride.

Bring peace where there is violence, hope where there is despair, and healing to all who mourn or fear.

For those affected by climate change—by drought, fire, flood, or rising seas—bring relief and resilience. Teach us to care for your creation with wisdom and compassion, and to protect it for future generations.

The Community and Parish

For all who travel this summer, grant rest, renewal, and safe return. For those staying home, bring peace in daily life.

Bless our child minders whose care nurtures joy and security. Strengthen them as they support families and enrich young lives.

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 and all who care for them

The Departed

Allan Warren

Collect

Creator God, you made us all in your image: may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

FIRST READING

Psalm 85

Lord, you were gracious to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob. You forgave the offence of your people and covered all their sins. You laid aside all your fury and turned from your wrathful indignation. Restore us again, O God our Saviour, and let your anger cease from us. Will you be displeased with us for ever? Will you stretch out your wrath from one generation to another? Will you not give us life again, that your people may rejoice in you? Show us your mercy, O Lord, and grant us your salvation. I will listen to what the Lord God will say, for he shall speak peace to his people and to the faithful, that they turn not again to folly. Truly, his salvation is near to those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land. Mercy and truth are met together, righteousness and peace have kissed each other; Truth shall spring up from the earth and righteousness look down from heaven. The Lord will indeed give all that is good, and our land will yield its increase. Righteousness shall go before him and direct his steps in the way.

SECOND READING

Colossians 2. 9-15

For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 11.1–13

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples. He said to them, When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial. And he said to them, Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him. And he answers from within, Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything. I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!