

Dates for your diary..

Every Wednesday 10am-12noon

The Church will be open for tea and coffee

13th to 20th October

Week of Prayer for World Peace

Monday 14th October at 7.30pm in Church

Informal Vacancy Meeting with Bishop Jane, Archdeacon Charles and Peter Waddell, Rural Dean. All welcome to attend. A chance for people to ask questions and make suggestions for the future direction of the church.

Saturday 30th November 11.30 – 14.30

Christmas Fair - further details to follow

Celebrating Our Community - this week we shine a spotlight on us all

As we transition into this new chapter while awaiting a new incumbent, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude for the ongoing support and kindness we've shared throughout our community. We thank each other for the continued support and look forward with excitement and hope for all that is to come.

To us all,

Thank you!

If you would like to shine a spotlight on someone in your life, 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



HARVEST THANKSGIVING

Sunday 6th October 2024

A warm welcome to our 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:

270

Come, ye thankful
people, come

251

All things bright
and beautiful

272

Praise and
thanksgiving

275

We plough the
fields

In your prayers this week:

The Church

The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea
The Parish of Keysoe in Sharnbrook

The World

Gaza and Israel
Farmers
Those affected by climate change

The Community and Parish

Those who clean our streets

The Ill and the Housebound

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

The Departed

Collect

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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

The Canticle of Creation (by Saint Francis of Assisi)

O Most High, all-powerful, good Lord God, to you belong praise, glory, honour and all blessing. Be praised, my Lord, for all your creation and especially for our Brother Sun, who brings us the day and the light; he is strong and shines magnificently. O Lord, we think of you when we look at him. Be praised, my Lord, for Sister Moon, and for the stars which you have set shining and lovely in the heavens. Be praised, my Lord, for our Brothers Wind and Air and every kind of weather by which you, Lord, uphold life in all your creatures. Be praised, my Lord, for Sister Water, who is very useful to us, and humble and precious and pure. Be praised, my Lord, for Brother Fire, through whom you give us light in the darkness: he is bright and lively and strong. Be praised, my Lord, for Sister Earth, our Mother, who nourishes us and sustains us, bringing forth fruits and vegetables of many kinds and flowers of many colours. Be praised, my Lord, for those who forgive for love of you; and for those who bear sickness and weakness in peace and patience - you will grant them a crown. Be praised, my Lord, for our Sister Death, whom we must all face. I praise and bless you, Lord, and I give thanks to you, and I will serve you in all humility.

GOSPEL

Matthew 6.25–33

Do Not Worry

‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.