

Happening in church this week..

Wednesday 10am-12noon - Coffee morning and Foodbank

Sunday 9.30am - Sung Eucharist

Celebrating Our Community - this week we shine a spotlight on Keith Honour

We thank Keith for faithfully ringing the Angelus bell each week. May God bless him for this quiet and faithful ministry.

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



10TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sunday 24th August 2025

Welcome to our service today. Thank you to Reader Stephen Davidson who is guiding us in . Morning Prayer from the 1662 Book of Common Prayer

Hymns

for this Sunday
are:

555

Praise, my soul, the
king of heaven.

320

Praise we now the word
of grace. Second tune

110

Jesu, grant me
this, I pray

426

Firmly I believe
and truly

In your prayers this week:

The Church

Stotfold (Hitchin) Bill Britt, Emma-Jane Wilkinson, (LLW) Steve Hardman
ACP Church of the Province of South East Asia

The World

For ALL those suffering the wounds of war. For the people of Sudan, Gaza, Ukraine, Russia, and Israel - to the displaced, the grieving, the fearful, and the forgotten. Stir the hearts of leaders - to choose peace over power, dialogue over destruction, and compassion over conquest. Guide all of us to be instruments of reconciliation. Let Your peace reign where conflict now divides.

For those who are affected by storms, fires, and floods. Help us take care of the world You made.

Please help leaders make good choices to keep the earth safe and clean.

May we live simply, care

deeply, and love your creation as You do.

The Community and Parish

Grateful thanks for Father Stephen and Father Robert and pray that they return from each of their summer holidays refreshed ready to guide and support us while we wait for a new Vicar.

The Ill and the Housebound

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

The Departed

Collect

Lord of heaven and earth,
as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer,
give us patience and courage never to lose hope,
but always to bring our prayers before you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

FIRST READING

Psalm 103 vs 1-8

Thanksgiving for God's Goodness of David
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.
Bless the Lord, O
my soul, and do not forget all his benefits - who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your
diseases, who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast
love and
mercy, who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is
renewed like
the eagle's. The Lord works vindication and justice for all who are
oppressed. He made
known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel. The Lord is
merciful and
gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 13.10-17

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just
then there
appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years.
She was bent
over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he
called her over
and said, Woman, you are set free from your ailment. When he laid his hands
on her,
immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of
the
synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying
to the crowd,
There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and
be cured,
and not on the sabbath day. But the Lord answered him and said, You
hypocrites! Does
not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger,
and lead it
away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham
whom Satan
bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath
day? When
he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was
rejoicing at all
the wonderful things that he was doing.