

Happening in church this week..

Monday 09.30 - Chater School Harvest Celebration
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 - Harvest festival

Celebrating Our Community - this week we shine a spotlight on our Foodbank & Coffee Morning Team!

Huge thanks to our wonderful team and all who join Wednesday Coffee Mornings. Your warm welcome means so much to our Foodbank friends and our community- you help turn coffee into community.

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



15TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sunday 28th September 2025

Welcome to our service today. Father Stephen Mephram is officiating.

Hymns
for this Sunday
are:

Ye watchers and ye
holy ones (**words in
service booklet**)

377

Angel-voices
ever singing

392

Bright the vision

626

Ye holy angels
bright

In your prayers this week:

The Church

Carlton with Chellington (Sharnbrook) Peter Turnbull and Jaqueline Turnbull

ACP: Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan

The World

We pray for all scarred by war—in Ukraine, Sudan, Gaza, Israel, Russia, and beyond. For the displaced, grieving, fearful, and forgotten—Lord, bring hope, healing, and belonging. Turn leaders toward peace, dialogue, and compassion. Make us peacemakers; let peace take root where conflict once ruled.

For all impacted by environmental disaster - bring comfort, strength, and peace. Teach us to live wisely with creation, to lead with care, give freely, and walk humbly on the earth.

The Community and Parish

May our parish be a community where everyone is seen and valued, where love reaches across every barrier, and where your kingdom is made real in the way we live, give, and serve each day.

Move the heart of the one you're calling to serve here. Let them hear your voice and feel your leading. Inspire them to join us - sharing your word, living your love, and leading with faith and hope.

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

Collect

Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 32.1–3a, 6–15

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar. At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him. Zedekiah had said, Why do you prophesy and say: Thus says the Lord: I am going to give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it; Jeremiah said, The word of the Lord came to me: Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours. Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the Lord, and said to me, Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself. Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord. And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time.

For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

This is the word of the Lord.

SECOND READING

1 Timothy 6.6–19

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen. As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

This is the word of the Lord

GOSPEL

Luke 16.19–end

There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich mans table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.

But Abraham said, Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us. He said, Then, father, I beg you to send him to my fathers house - for I have five brothers- that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment. Abraham replied, They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them. He said, No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent. He said to him, If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.