

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 - All Age Service Sung Eucharist

Celebrating Our Community - this week we shine a spotlight on Valerie & Ian Blacklock!

Garden gloves on, magic in motion!
Huge thanks to this dynamic duo for working their green-thumb wizardry on the Mildred Avenue borders.
You've made it so much better - and we're really grateful!

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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St Michael & All Angels,
Watford

THE MESSENGER



11TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sunday 31st August 2025

Welcome to our service today. Father Stephen Mepham is celebrating and our service includes the baptism of Max Alexander.

Hymns

for this Sunday
are:

368

All my hope on
God is founded

427

For the healing
of the nations

308

Just as I am,
without one plea

362

Tell out, my soul

In your prayers this week:

The Church

Luton (Luton) Mike Jones, Joseph Adewale, Catherine Moss, Andy Pike
ACP United Church of South India (CSI)

The World

For all wounded by war - especially in Ukraine, Sudan, Gaza, Israel, and Russia - the displaced, the grieving, the fearful, the forgotten: may they find hope, healing, and home. Move leaders to choose peace over power, dialogue over destruction, compassion over conquest.
Make us peacemakers. Let peace rise where conflict reigns.
For those hit by environmental disasters - bring relief, resilience, and rest. Help us honour the earth: to choose wisely, lead responsibly, and protect what sustains life. Teach us to live with less, care more deeply, and value creation as You do.

The Community and Parish

Today we celebrate Max's baptism. We give thanks for his commitment of faith and welcome him into the Christian family and into our fellowship at St Michael's. We pray that God's Holy Spirit will strengthen Max in his journey of faith. Thanks for all of us at St Michael's and the good work we're each doing - not just holding on, but thriving as we await the Vicar God is preparing for us. Give us strength to reach further, and welcome wider, as we grow in faith and community.

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, Catherine Stone, Fay Storey, Keziah Thairu, Adelaide Tonkin and all who care for them

Collect

God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

FIRST READING

Hebrews 13.1–8, 15–16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, I will never leave you or forsake you. So we can say with confidence, The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me. Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 14.1, 7–14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, Give this person your place, and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, Friend, move up higher; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted. He said also to the one who had invited him, When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.