

Happening in church this week..

Monday	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 - Sung Eucharist

Celebrating Our Community - this week we shine a spotlight on Our Music!

A big thank you to our marvellous organists Dave and Tim, our faithful choir, and tuneful priests who lead us in song each week - and to Paul, the unsung hero of the hymn board! You all keep our worship in perfect harmony - thank you!

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



12TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sunday 7th September 2025

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

Hymns

for this Sunday
are:

546

O worship the
King

578

Stand up,
stand up for Jesus

432

From heav'n you
came

Sheet

See In the Loop

In your prayers this week:

The Church

Luton, St Francis (Luton) Josias de Souza, David Holland (Rs) Allan Kinninmonth, Rob Mason and thanksgiving for the Church members and the community they serve. **ACP:** Anglican Church of Southern Africa

The World

For all those scarred by war - in Ukraine, Sudan, Gaza, Israel, Russia, and beyond - the displaced, the mourning, the afraid, the overlooked: may they discover hope, healing, and a place to call home. Inspire leaders to pursue peace, not power; dialogue, not destruction; compassion, not conquest. Shape us into peacemakers. Let peace take root where conflict has held sway.

To those affected by the storms, fires, floods, and droughts - bring comfort, endurance, and peace. Show us how to live in harmony with the earth: to act with wisdom, lead with care, and protect the fragile balance that sustains us all. May we learn to hold less, give more, and see the natural world with reverence, as You do.

The Community and Parish

Bless all students and teachers as they begin this new year. May they grow in wisdom, stay eager to learn, and find joy each day.

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

The Departed

Collect

God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

FIRST READING

Philemon 1–21

Philemon Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love-and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, no longer as a slave but as more than a slave, a beloved brother-especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it.

I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord!
Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 14.25–33

Now large crowds were travelling with him; and he turned and said to them, Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, This fellow began to build and was not able to finish. Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.