

Dates for your diary..

Every Wednesday 10am-12noon

The Church will be open for tea and coffee

Every Thursday 10am

You are welcome to join us at our 10am Eucharist, it is available to attend in person but will also be live streamed.

29th September

Fr. Geoff's farewell parish lunch.

Please see Maggie with offers of help with the food.

Celebrating Our Community - this week we shine a spotlight on Henry and Sylvia Moring

We want to express our heartfelt thanks for their hard work and dedication in producing our church messenger for over 25 years and for being such an integral part of our church family.

Sylvia and Henry, *Thank you!*

Henry & Sylvia would like to thank people for their kind comments to us in church last Sunday and also by email regarding The Messenger. Also thanks for the unexpected gifts we received. We hope to continue to see all our friends in church on future Sundays.

First Aid Kits

Outside the clergy vestry.
In the ladies toilet.

Baby Changing

In the ladies toilet

Please look at the lists at the back of Church for our committees, and see if there is one or more you would like to join. It is not necessary to be on the PCC to be part of a committee.

Every donation that is made to **SAINT MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS PCC WATFORD** is gratefully received.

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Gift Aid? Please contact a warden.

Thank you very much!

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THE MESSENGER



TRINITY 10 Sunday 4th August 2024

A warm welcome to our service today which is a "First Sunday" service. 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: **165, 385, 318, 455**

In your prayers this week:

The Church

The Parish of Watton-at-Stone in our Diocese
The Anglican Church of Kenya
The Mission Aviation Fellowship

The World

Bereaved families and injured children in Southport
The wider community of Southport
Peace in the Middle East

The Community and Parish

St Anthony's Care Home
Our housebound parishioners
All those vulnerable to hot weather

The Ill and the Housebound

Especially Jean Alexander, Violet Allen-Smith, Julie Alvarez, Janet Chandler, Jemima Hill, 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

Julian Watkin

Collect

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; 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

2 Samuel 11.26–12.13a

26 When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him.
27 When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son.¹² But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord,
12 1 and the Lord sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, There were two men in a certain city, one rich and the other poor.
2 The rich man had very many flocks and herds;
3 but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meagre fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him.
4 Now there came a traveller to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor mans lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him.
5 Then Davids anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, As the Lord lives, the man who has done this deserves to die;
6 he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.
7 Nathan said to David, You are the man! Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul;
8 I gave you your masters house, and your masters wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more.
9 Why have you despised the word of the Lord, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites.
10 Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.
11 Thus says the Lord: I will raise up trouble against you from within your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes, and give them to your neighbour, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this very sun.
12 For you did it secretly; but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun.
13 David said to Nathan, I have sinned against the Lord. Nathan said to David, Now the Lord has put away your sin; you shall not die.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 4.1–16

4 I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called,
2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love,
3 making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling,
5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
6 one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.
7 But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christs gift.
8 Therefore it is said, When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive;
he gave gifts to his people.
9 (When it says, He ascended, what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth?
10 He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.)
11 The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers,
12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,
13 until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.
14 We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by peoples trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming.
15 But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ,
16 from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the bodys growth in building itself up in love.

GOSPEL

John 6.24–35

24 So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.
25 When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, Rabbi, when did you come here?
26 Jesus answered them, Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves.
27 Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.
28 Then they said to him, What must we do to perform the works of God?
29 Jesus answered them, This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.
30 So they said to him, What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?
31 Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat.
32 Then Jesus said to them, Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven.
33 For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.
34 They said to him, Sir, give us this bread always.
35 Jesus said to them, I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.