



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 4

10 July 2022

Welcome to our service today. We are now able to receive the wine 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.

Hymn numbers are CP601 Thou didst leave thy throne, CP489 Jesus Lord we look to thee, CP393 Brother sister let me serve you, CP 453 Great is thy faithfulness.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Parish of Warners End and Gadebridge in our Diocese.
The Church of the Province of Uganda.
The Church of England's General Synod.

The World: The process of appointing a new Prime Minister.
All those suffering from increases in the cost of living.
Everyone affected by travel problems.

The Community and Parish: Our musicians.
The people who look after our finances.
Couples preparing for marriage.

The Ill and the Housebound: Especially Violet Allen-Smith Janet Chandler, Sue Ellison, Jemima Hill, Ron Hornsby, Mervyn Jones, Keith Levinson, Lisa Mills, Adelaide Tonkin, and all who care for them.

The Departed:

Collect

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:
increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may
so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal;
grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with
you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Amos 7.7-17

A reading from the book of the prophet Amos.

- 7 This is what the LORD showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb-line, with a plumb-line in his hand.
- 8 And the LORD said to me, 'Amos, what do you see?' And I said, 'A plumb-line.' Then the Lord said, 'See, I am setting a plumb-line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by;
- 9 the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.'
- 10 Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, 'Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words.
- 11 For thus Amos has said, "Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land."
- 12 And Amaziah said to Amos, 'O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there;
- 13 but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.'
- 14 Then Amos answered Amaziah, 'I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees,
- 15 and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."
- 16 Now therefore hear the word of the LORD. You say, "Do not prophesy against Israel, and do not preach against the house of Isaac."
- 17 Therefore thus says the LORD: "Your wife shall become a prostitute in the city, and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword, and your land shall be parcelled out by line; you yourself shall die in an unclean land, and Israel shall surely go into exile away from its land."

SECOND READING Colossians 1.1-14

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

- 1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,
- 2 To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.
- 3 In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

4 for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the
5 saints,
6 because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in
7 the word of the truth,
8 the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole
9 world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly
10 comprehended the grace of God.
11 This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow-servant. He is a faithful minister of
12 Christ on your behalf,
13 and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.
14 For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and
15 asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and
16 understanding,
17 so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in
18 every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God.
19 May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and
20 may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully
21 giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the
22 saints in the light.
23 He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of
24 his beloved Son,
25 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

GOSPEL Luke 10.25–37

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

25 A lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal
26 life?'
27 He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?'
28 He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your
29 soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.'
30 And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.'
31 But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?'
32 Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands
33 of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead.
34 Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by
35 on the other side.
36 So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other
37 side.
38 But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved
39 with pity.
40 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then
41 he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.
42 The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care
43 of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend."
44 Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands
45 of the robbers?'
46 He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

Our Eucharist for **Trinity 4** is available to attend in person or via livestream on our YouTube channel “St Michael’s Church Watford”
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8GTX0MfiICGmcDUkXTGFSw>

The 10.00am Eucharist on Thursdays is also available to attend in person, and livestreamed.

The Church will be open for tea and coffee on Wednesday mornings from 10.00am – 12.00 noon.

Angelic Coffee will be happening on Saturday 16th July 10.00am to 11.30am, all very welcome.

For those of you who use WhatsApp, we now have a St Michael’s WhatsApp group. If you would like to be in this group, please let Bridget know. If you are on the group, please be aware that your messages will be visible to everyone else on the group!

If you have a smartphone and don’t use WhatsApp but would like to, please let us know.

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