



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 7
31 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 CP 530 Now thank we all our God, CP477 In Christ there is no East or West, CP581 Take my life and let it be, (Panis Angelicus - Communion Anthem), CP368 All my hope on God is founded.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Parish of Christchurch Ware in our Diocese.
The Church of the Province of West Africa.
Worldwide Anglican bishops meeting at the Lambeth Conference.

The World: All those whose lives are affected by climate change.
Refugees and those who work to help them.
Ukrainian refugees in the UK.

The Community and Parish: Churches Together in Watford.
The work of New Hope.
The work of the YMCA in Watford.

The Ill and the Housebound: Especially Jean Alexander, 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

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
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 Hosea 11.1-11

A reading from the book of the prophet Hosea.

Hear the word of the LORD, O people.

- ¹ When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.
² The more I called them, the more they went from me; they kept sacrificing to
the Baals, and offering incense to idols.
³ Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took them up in my arms; but they
did not know that I healed them.
⁴ I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them
like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them.
⁵ They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king, because
they have refused to return to me.
⁶ The sword rages in their cities, it consumes their oracle-priests, and devours
because of their schemes.
⁷ My people are bent on turning away from me. To the Most High they call, but
he does not raise them up at all.
⁸ How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can
I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart recoils
within me; my compassion grows warm and tender.
⁹ I will not execute my fierce anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am
God and no mortal, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath.
¹⁰ They shall go after the LORD, who roars like a lion; when he roars, his
children shall come trembling from the west.
¹¹ They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt, and like doves from the land
of Assyria; and I will return them to their homes, says the LORD.

SECOND READING Colossians 3.1–11

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

- ¹ If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.
² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth,
³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.
⁴ When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.
⁵ Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry).
⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient.
⁷ These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life.
⁸ But now you must get rid of all such things – anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth.
⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices
¹⁰ and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator.
¹¹ In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

GOSPEL Luke 12.13–21

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

- ¹³ Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, ‘Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.’
¹⁴ But he said to him, ‘Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?’
¹⁵ And he said to the crowd, ‘Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.’
¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: ‘The land of a rich man produced abundantly.
¹⁷ And he thought to himself, “What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?”
¹⁸ Then he said, “I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.
¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’”
²⁰ But God said to him, “You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?”
²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.’

Our Eucharist for **Trinity 7** 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.

In conjunction with a designer we have been working on a new website for St Michael’s. It still needs further work and we will continue to refine and expand the contents but we think it is now sufficiently advanced to be ready for release. Please do have a look at it via the following link:

<http://www.stmichaels-watford.org.uk/>.

All comments will be gratefully received either by the Vicar or by Simon Fowle (simon.fowle@ntlworld.com).

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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