



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 10

21 August 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 CP278 Alleluia sing to Jesus, CP494 King of glory, king of peace, CP563 Rejoice the Lord is king, (Day by Day (How) - Communion Anthem), CP558 Praise to the Lord.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Parish of St Ippolyts in Hitchin.

The Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria.

People who attend prayer groups.

The World: Young people working out their future after A Level results.

Young people receiving GCSE results this week.

People whose homes and livelihoods are affected by adverse weather.

The Community and Parish: Members of our “Mission Plus” Committee.

Members of our congregation working in education.

Our young people going back to education or into employment.

The Ill and the Housebound: Especially Jean Alexander, Violet Allen-Smith, Janet Chandler, Jemima Hill, Ron Hornsby, Keith Levinson, Lisa Mills, Fay Storey, Adelaide Tonkin, and all who care for them.

The Departed:

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 Jeremiah 1.4–10

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

- 4 The word of the LORD came to me saying,
5 ‘Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.’
6 Then I said, ‘Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.’
7 But the LORD said to me, ‘Do not say, “I am only a boy”; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you,
8 Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD.’
9 Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, ‘Now I have put my words in your mouth.
10 See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.’

SECOND READING Hebrews 12.18–29

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

- 18 You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom,
19 and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them.
20 (For they could not endure the order that was given, ‘If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.’)
21 Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, ‘I tremble with fear.’)
22 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering,

- 23 and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to
God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,
24 and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood
that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.
25 See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not
escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much
less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven!
26 At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, ‘Yet
once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.’
27 This phrase, ‘Yet once more,’ indicates the removal of what is shaken –
that is, created things – so that what cannot be shaken may remain.
28 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us
give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with
reverence and awe;
29 for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

GOSPEL Luke 13.10–17

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

- 10 Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath.
11 And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her
for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up
straight.
12 When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, ‘Woman, you are set free
from your ailment.’
13 When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and
began praising God.
14 But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the
sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, ‘There are six days on which work
ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the
sabbath day.’
15 But the Lord answered him and said, ‘You hypocrites! Does not each of
you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it
away to give it water?
16 And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for
eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?’
17 When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire
crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

Our Eucharist for **Trinity 10** 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.

Please put Saturday 10th September in your diary. There will be things going on all day at St Michael’s. In the morning – Angelic Coffee and Bring and Buy. In the afternoon – Tea on the Triangle. The Church will be open all day for the Historic Churches Trust Bike ‘n Hike, and also for Heritage Open Day.

There will be a St Michael’s Family Fun Sports Day in Cassiobury Park on 27th August, 2.00pm – 5.00pm. All ages welcome, children accompanied by parents or carers. Bring a picnic.

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).