



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 12
4 September 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.

Today's service is our "First Sunday of the Month".

Hymn numbers are CP 362 Tell out my soul, CP 393 Brother Sister let me serve you, CP 432 From heaven you came, CP 383 Be still for the presence of the Lord, CP 444 God is working his purpose out.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Parish of St Andrew in Luton.
The Anglican Church of Australia.
The Eco-Church movement.

The World: People struggling financially.
The people of Ukraine.
Uyghur people of China.

The Community and Parish: The Watford and Three Rivers Refugee Partnership.
Watford Town Centre Chaplaincy.
Watford General Hospital.

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

The Departed:

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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 Isaiah 43: 1-4, 18-21

Israel, the Lord who created you says, "Do not be afraid - I will save you. I have called you by name - you are mine.

When you pass through deep waters, I will be with you; your troubles will not overwhelm you. When you pass through fire, you will not be burned; the hard trials that come will not hurt you.

For I am the Lord your God, the holy God of Israel, who saves you. I will give up Egypt to set you free; I will give up Ethiopia and Seba.

I will give up whole nations to save your life, because you are precious to me and because I love you and give you honour.

But the Lord says, "Do not cling to events of the past or dwell on what happened long ago.

Watch for the new thing I am going to do. It is happening already - you can see it now! I will make a road through the wilderness and give you streams of water there.

Even the wild animals will honour me; jackals and ostriches will praise me when I make rivers flow in the desert to give water to my chosen people.

They are the people I made for myself, and they will sing my praises!"

This is the Word of the Lord

GOSPEL Luke 14.25–33

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

- ²⁵ Large crowds were travelling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them,
- ²⁶ ‘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.
- ²⁷ Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.
- ²⁸ 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?
- ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him,
- ³⁰ saying, “This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.”
- ³¹ 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?
- ³² If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace.
- ³³ So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.’

Our Eucharist for **Trinity 12** 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.

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).