



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 13
11 September 2022

HM Queen Elizabeth II

21 April 1926 - 8 September 2022

Hymn numbers are CP 530 Now thank we all our God, CP 355 I vow to thee my country, CP 81 Lord for the years, CP 353 And did those feet, The National Anthem (see back of Messenger).

For your prayers this week:

His Majesty King Charles III as he begins his reign and mourns his mother

The Royal Family at this time of loss

The people of our country entering a time of national mourning

The people of the Commonwealth

All those with the responsibility of leading State and Church at this time.

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

The Departed: HM Queen Elizabeth II, Rob Spray, Ron Hornsby.

Collect

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:
help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you;
through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Jeremiah 4.11–12, 22–28

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

- ¹¹ At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert towards my poor people, not to winnow or cleanse –
- ¹² a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgement against them.
- ²² ‘For my people are foolish, they do not know me; they are stupid children, they have no understanding. They are skilled in doing evil, but do not know how to do good.’
- ²³ I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void; and to the heavens, and they had no light.
- ²⁴ I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking, and all the hills moved to and fro.
- ²⁵ I looked, and lo, there was no one at all, and all the birds of the air had fled.
- ²⁶ I looked, and lo, the fruitful land was a desert, and all its cities were laid in ruins before the LORD, before his fierce anger.
- ²⁷ For thus says the LORD: The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end.
- ²⁸ Because of this the earth shall mourn, and the heavens above grow black; for I have spoken, I have purposed; I have not relented nor will I turn back.

SECOND READING I Timothy 1.12-17

A reading from the first letter of Paul to Timothy.

- ¹² I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service,
¹³ even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief,
¹⁴ and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.
¹⁵ The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners – of whom I am the foremost.
¹⁶ But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life.
¹⁷ To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL Luke 15.1-10

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

- ¹ All the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus.
² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.'
³ So he told them this parable:
⁴ 'Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it?
⁵ When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices.
⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, "Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost."
⁷ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.
⁸ Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it?
⁹ When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, "Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost."
¹⁰ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.'

Our Eucharist for **Trinity 13** 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.

There will be a Bring and Share lunch on our Harvest Festival Sunday, 2nd October, please put the date in your diary, more details to follow.

A big thank you to all who helped and supported yesterday’s Open Day in Church.

The National Anthem

**God save our gracious King!
Long live our noble King!
God save the King!
Send him victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save the King.**

**Thy choicest gifts in store
On him be pleased to pour,
Long may he reign.
May he defend our laws,
And ever give us cause,
To sing with heart and voice,
God save the King.**