



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 14
18 September 2022

HM Queen Elizabeth II

21 April 1926 - 8 September 2022

Hymn numbers are CP 308 Just as I am, CP 497 Let all the world, CP 421 Father of heaven, CP 386 Be thou my vision, CP 598 There's a wideness in God's mercy.

For your prayers this week:

The Royal Family in mourning
The Nation and Commonwealth in mourning
All those coming to London for the funeral
All those responsible for public order and safety
Everyone who will be watching the funeral in this country and across the world
King Charles III and God's blessing on his reign

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, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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 8.18 – 9.1

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

The word of the LORD through the prophet:

- 18 My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick.
 19 Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land: 'Is the LORD not in Zion? Is her King not in her?' ('Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?')
 20 'The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.'
 21 For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me.
 22 Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored?
 1 O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people!

SECOND READING I Timothy 2.1–7

A reading from the first letter of Paul to Timothy.

My dearly beloved,

- 1 I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone,
 2 for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity.
 3 This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour,
 4 who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.
 5 For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human,
 6 who gave himself a ransom for all – this was attested at the right time.
 7 For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

GOSPEL Luke 16.1–13

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

- ¹ Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property.
- ² So he summoned him and said to him, “What is this that I hear about you? Give me an account of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.”
- ³ Then the manager said to himself, “What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg.
- ⁴ I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.”
- ⁵ So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, “How much do you owe my master?”
- ⁶ He answered, “A hundred jugs of olive oil.” He said to him, “Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.”
- ⁷ Then he asked another, “And how much do you owe?” He replied, “A hundred containers of wheat.” He said to him, “Take your bill and make it eighty.”
- ⁸ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light.
- ⁹ And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.
- ¹⁰ Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much.
- ¹¹ If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches?
- ¹² And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own?
- ¹³ No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.’

Our Eucharist for **Trinity 14** is available to attend in person or via livestream on our YouTube channel “St Michael’s Church Watford”
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8GTX0MfiICGmcDUkXTGFSw>

We will be showing the Queen’s funeral in Church on Monday 19th September on our big television. The Church will be open from 10.00am until after the funeral.

The Church will also be open on Sunday night at 8.00pm to observe the minute’s silence and spend a few moments in prayer.

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.

The funeral of Rob Spray will be at 12 noon on Saturday 24th September, at St Peter and St Paul’s Church in Olney.

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.