



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

HARVEST

2 October 2022

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.

There is our monthly “First Sunday of the Month Service” at 9.30 am with the theme of Harvest.

Hymn numbers are CP270 Come ye thankful people come, Children’s Praise 260 Thank you Lord (leaflet), CP272 Praise and thanksgiving, Choir anthem “Thou visitest the earth”, CP275 We plough the fields and scatter.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Anglican Church of Canada.
Those who minister to food producers.
Fair Trade Churches.

The World: Primary food producers.
People suffering extreme hunger.
Protection of the natural environment.

The Community and Parish: Watford Food Bank and those who use it.
All who work in our local food shops and supermarkets.
People who produce food on allotments.

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:

HARVEST

COLLECT

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season:

grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being;

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 Philippians 4.4–9 (Good News Version)

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

May you always be joyful in your union with the Lord. I say it again: rejoice. Show a gentle attitude toward everyone. The Lord is coming soon. Don't worry about anything, but in all your prayers ask God for what you need, always asking him with a thankful heart. And God's peace, which is far beyond human understanding, will keep your hearts and minds safe in union with Christ Jesus. In conclusion, my friends, fill your minds with those things that are good and that deserve praise: things that are true, noble, right, pure, lovely, and honourable. Put into practice what you learned and received from me, both from my words and from my actions. And the God who gives us peace will be with you.

This is the word of the Lord

GOSPEL John 6: 25-35 (NRSV)

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

When they found Jesus on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." ' Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.'

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

Our Eucharist for **Harvest Festival** 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 is a Bring and Share lunch after our Harvest Festival today, Sunday, 2nd October.

We will be starting the lunch at 12.00

Harvest Gifts will be going to Watford Food Bank. Please make sure your contributions of tinned or dried food have a sell by date long ahead.

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