



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 18
16 October 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 CP368 All my hope on God is founded, CP478 (t.606) In heavenly love abiding, CP87 Hail to the Lord's anointed, CP558 Praise to the Lord.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Parish of Risely in our Diocese.
The Anglican Church of Central America.
Christian Aid's work with Ukrainian refugees.

The World: World Peace.
Victims of the petrol station explosion in Creeslough, N.Ireland
and their families.
Protestors in Iran.

The Community and Parish: The Watford Town Centre Chaplaincy.
Preparations for Celebration 2022 and the Watford Interfaith Pilgrimage.
People and organisations who rent our buildings.

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

The Departed:

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy;
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 31.27–34

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

- ²⁷ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals.
- ²⁸ And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the LORD.
- ²⁹ In those days they shall no longer say: ‘The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge.’
- ³⁰ But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge.
- ³¹ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah.
- ³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt – a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD.
- ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.
- ³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

SECOND READING 2 Timothy 3.14 – 4.5

A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy.

- ¹⁴ Continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it,
¹⁵ and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.
¹⁶ All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,
¹⁷ so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.
¹ In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you:
² proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching.
³ For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires,
⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths.
⁵ As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

GOSPEL Luke 18.1–8

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

- ¹ Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart.
² He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people.
³ In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent."
⁴ For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone,
⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming."
⁶ And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says.
⁷ And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them?
⁸ I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'

Our Eucharist for **TRINITY 18** 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.

The Week of Prayer for World Peace this year runs from 16th to 23rd October. Daily prayer booklets are available in church, with prayer themes and contributions from the major faiths. This year’s theme is the on-going wars and their consequences. Do please take a booklet and join the great wave of international and inter- faith prayer for Peace.

All are warmly invited to take part in two Week of Prayer for World Peace events in the **Watford Peace Garden, on Sunday October 16th at 1.30 pm, and on Wednesday October 19th at 10am.** You are invited to bring bulbs or plants to plant in the Peace Garden if you wish.- tools are available to use but you can leave plants with the Peace Garden team if you would rather they planted them for you. On the Sunday at 2.30 prayers and inspirational words can be offered.

The Harvest gifts from St Michael’s were greatly appreciated by the Watford Foodbank. Here at St Michael’s we also offer toiletries and other items which people often cannot afford. Any donations of men’s and women’s deodorants, shampoo and shower gel, toothpaste, toilet rolls and laundry detergent would be a real help.

Watford Celebration 2022 will be in the Charter Place open air part of the Atria Shopping Centre on Sunday 30th October from 11am-3.00pm, with a Sacred Space discussion from 3.00pm until 4.30pm in another part of Atria.