



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 2

Sunday 18 June 2023

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.

Welcome to our service today.

Hymns are: 368 All my hope on God is founded, 191 O thou who camest from above, 400 City of God, how broad and far, 437 Go forth and tell (t.362)

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Parish of Eaton Bray with Edlesborough.
The Anglican Church of Australia.
The Eco-Church movement.

The World: The people of Nottingham.
The people of North Korea.
Victims of the Greek boat disaster.

The Community and Parish: The people who lease or rent our various buildings.
Nurseries and playgroups in our area.
Our Churchwardens Elizabeth and Valerie.

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

The Departed:

Collect

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you.

Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Genesis 18.1–15

A reading from the book of Genesis.

- ¹ The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day.
- ² He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground.
- ³ He said, 'My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant.
- ⁴ Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree.
- ⁵ Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on – since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.'
- ⁶ And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, 'Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.'
- ⁷ Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it.
- ⁸ Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.
- ⁹ They said to Abraham, 'Where is your wife Sarah?' And he said, 'There, in the tent.'
- ¹⁰ Then one said, 'I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.' And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him.
- ¹¹ Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women.
- ¹² So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, 'After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?'
- ¹³ The LORD said to Abraham, 'Why did Sarah laugh, and say, "Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?"
- ¹⁴ Is anything too wonderful for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.'
- ¹⁵ But Sarah denied, saying, 'I did not laugh'; for she was afraid. He said, 'Oh yes, you did laugh.'

SECOND READING Romans 5.1–8

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

- ¹ Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
² through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.
³ And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance,
⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,
⁵ and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.
⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.
⁷ Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die.
⁸ But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

GOSPEL Matthew 9.35 – 10.8

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

- ³⁵ Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness.
³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.
³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.'
³⁸ Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness.
¹ These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John;
² Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus;
³ Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.
⁴ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans,
⁵ but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.
⁶ As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near."
⁷ Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.
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Our service today for Trinity 2 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.

Children’s Society Boxes: if you have one, please bring back to church over the next few weeks. – Thank you, *Valerie*.

Fr Geoff is compiling a list of names to go in the Book of Remembrance, which hasn’t been updated for a while. There is a list of names at the back of Church, to which you are welcome to add. The Book will be open this morning for you to check if certain names are there or not.

Quiz: Thank you to everyone who supported the quiz in any way. It was a lovely evening with the bonus of £526 added to church funds.

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