



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 4

Sunday 2 July 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, which is a “First Sunday” service.

Hymns are: 262 O Lord my God, HONA508 This is the Day (words inside), HONA 442 Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, (words inside), 136 Alleluia Alleluia

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Parish of Totternhoe in our Diocese.
The Anglican Episcopal Church of Brazil.
The Church’s dialogue with leaders of other faiths.

The World: The Prince of Wales’ homelessness project.
All those affected by the riots in France.
For lessons to be learnt from the COVID enquiry.

The Community and Parish Our Australian friends from Nuworks theatre group.
Our young people.
Local charities for homeless people.

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

The Departed:

Collect

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong,
nothing is holy:

increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we
may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal;
grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns
with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

READINGSPhilippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to
everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by
prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.
And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts
and your minds in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will
of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Matthew 6: 7-14

'When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think
that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your
Father knows what you need before you ask him.

'Pray then in this way:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come.
Your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And do not bring us to the time of trial,
but rescue us from the evil one.

For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you;

Luke 11: 1-4

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.'

HYMNS

This is the day, this is the day.

That the Lord has made, that the Lord has made.

We will rejoice, we will rejoice,

And be glad in it, and be glad in it.

This is the day that the Lord has made.

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day, this is the day

That the Lord has made. (X2)

Seek ye first the kingdom of God

And His righteousness;

And all these things shall be added unto you.

Allelu, Alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you;

Seek, and you shall find.

Knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

Allelu, Alleluia!

We shall not live by bread alone,

But by every word

That proceeds from the mouth of God.

Allelu, Alleluia!

Our service today for Trinity 4 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.

At 3.00pm this afternoon, there will be a Eucharist to celebrate Fr Geoff’s 35th Anniversary of Ordination to the priesthood. It will be followed by afternoon tea. Everyone warmly invited.

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.

Join us in Church on Monday July 3rd at 18.30 to enjoy a production of the Pirate Code a musical by a visiting Australian theatre group. Please see the Church website for details. <http://www.stmichaels-watford.org.uk/>. There are also fliers at the back of church. Tickets available from Jane Talbot, £8 for adults and free for under-16s (accompanied by an adult).