



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

THE TRANSFIGURATION

Sunday 6 August 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: 546 O worship the King, 513 Lord, the light of your love is shining, 272 Praise and thanksgiving, 380 At the name of Jesus (t. Camberwell HONA 46a).

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Parish of Great Wymondley in our Diocese.
The Anglican Church of the Congo.
The Nippon Sei Ko Kai (Anglican Church of Japan).

The World: The People of Hiroshima.
World peace.

The eventual elimination of nuclear weapons.

The Community and Parish: Our family fun Sports Day.
Residents, staff , and families at the Chase care home.
Safe and enjoyable holidays for all members of our Church family.

The Ill and the Housebound: Especially Jean Alexander, Violet Allen-Smith, Julie Alvarez, June Arnold, Janet Chandler, Paddy 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

Father in heaven,
whose Son Jesus Christ was wonderfully transfigured before chosen
witnesses upon the holy mountain, and spoke of the exodus he would
accomplish at Jerusalem:
give us strength so to hear his voice and bear our cross that in the
world to come we may see him as he is; who is alive and reigns with
you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING 2 Peter 1: 16-19

We have not depended on made-up stories in making known to you
the mighty coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. With our own eyes we
saw his greatness. We were there when he was given honour and
glory by God the Father, when the voice came to him from the
Supreme Glory, saying, "This is my own dear Son, with whom I am
pleased!" We ourselves heard this voice coming from heaven, when
we were with him on the holy mountain. So we are even more
confident of the message proclaimed by the prophets. You will do
well to pay attention to it, because it is like a lamp shining in a dark
place until the Day dawns and the light of the morning star shines
in your hearts.

GOSPEL Luke 9.28-36

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

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, ‘Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah’ — not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, ‘This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!’ When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

Our service today 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 long-awaited 2nd St Michael and All Angels family fun sports day will be held in Cassiobury Park this afternoon, 6th August, 2 - 5pm. Bring along friends, family and a picnic.