



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 1

Sunday 2 June 2024

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.

A warm welcome to our service today which is a “First Sunday” service. Hymns for Sunday are: 418 Father, Lord of all creation, 507 Lord of all hopefulness, 470 I the Lord of sea and sky, 513 Lord, the light of your love is shining.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The work of hospital and other medical chaplains
Places of pilgrimage in the United Kingdom
The Anglican Church of Central America.

The World: The people of Israel/Palestine
The people of Ukraine, Yemen, and other places of conflict
King Charles and the Royal Family.

The Community and Parish: Members of Watford Deanery Synod
Our elected representatives in local and national government
Schools in our Parish, their pupils, staff and families.

The Ill and the Housebound: Especially Jean Alexander, Violet Allen-Smith, Julie Alvarez, Janet Chandler, Jemima Hill, Owen Hutchinson, Kristina Jenkins, Lisa Mills, Brian O’Riordan, Valerie O’Riordan, Matthew Paterson, Josephine Stadden, Catherine Stone, Fay Storey, Adelaide Tonkin, and all who care for them.

The Departed:

Collect

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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 I Samuel 3: 1-10 (Good News Version)

A reading from the first book of Samuel.

In those days, when the boy Samuel was serving the Lord under the direction of Eli, there were very few messages from the Lord, and visions from him were quite rare.

One night Eli, who was now almost blind, was sleeping in his own room;

Samuel was sleeping in the sanctuary, where the sacred Covenant Box was.

Before dawn, while the lamp was still burning, the Lord called Samuel. He answered, "Yes, sir!" and ran to Eli and said, "You called me, and here I am." But Eli answered, "I didn't call you; go back to bed." So Samuel went back to bed.

The Lord called Samuel again. The boy did not know that it was the Lord, because the Lord had never spoken to him before. So he got up, went to Eli, and said, "You called me, and here I am." But Eli answered, "My son, I didn't call you; go back to bed."

The Lord called Samuel a third time; he got up, went to Eli, and said, "You called me, and here I am." Then Eli realized that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, so he said to him, "Go back to bed; and if he calls you again, say, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.' " So Samuel went back to bed.

The Lord came and stood there, and called as he had before, "Samuel! Samuel!" Samuel answered, "Speak; your servant is listening."

This is the word of the Lord

GOSPEL Mark 2.23 – 3.6

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

²³ One sabbath Jesus was going through the cornfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain.

²⁴ The Pharisees said to him, 'Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?'

²⁵ And he said to them, 'Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food?

²⁶ He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions.'

²⁷ Then he said to them, 'The sabbath was made for humankind and not humankind for the sabbath;

²⁸ so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath.'

¹ Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand.

² They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him.

³ And he said to the man who had the withered hand, 'Come forward.'

⁴ Then he said to the Pharisees, 'Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?' But they were silent.

⁵ He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, 'Stretch out your hand.' He stretched it out, and his hand was restored.

⁶ The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against Jesus, how to destroy him.

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 each Thursday 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.

St. Michael’s Quiz: Join us on Saturday 29th June at 7pm for a 7.15pm start. Tickets are £12 per person to include a Ham or Cheese Ploughman’s supper. Join us for an evening of fun and help raise much needed funds. Contact Valerie on blacklockv@gmail.com or 0785876394 for more information and to buy tickets.

Another wonderful musical by NuWorks theatre from Melbourne. 5pm on Sunday June 30th in St Michael’s. They are presenting “Treasure Island” and it is suitable for 12 years and upwards. Booking not required, free entry although donations are welcome and all donations go to church funds.

Please look at the lists at the back of Church for our committees, and see if there is one or more you would like to join. It is not necessary to be on the PCC to be part of a committee.

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