



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 6

Sunday 7 July 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: 455 Guide me O thou great Redeemer, 497 Let all the world in every corner sing, 507 Lord of all hopefulness, 437 Go forth and tell.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Parish of Grovehill and Woodhall Farm in our Diocese
The Province of the Indian Ocean
The Churches Mutual Credit Union.

The World: All those who represent and govern us in parliament
Victims of Hurricane Beryl
The people of Ukraine.

The Community and Parish: Our new MP, Matt Turmaine
People living in Watford’s care homes.

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

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding:

pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 2 Samuel 5.1–5, 9–10

A reading from the second book of Samuel.

- ¹ All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, 'Look, we are your bone and flesh.
- ² For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The LORD said to you: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel.'
- ³ So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel.
- ⁴ David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years.
- ⁵ At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months; and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years.
- ⁹ David occupied the stronghold, and named it the city of David. David built the city all around from the Millo inward.
- ¹⁰ And David became greater and greater, for the LORD, the God of hosts, was with him.

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 12.2–10

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

- ² I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows.
- ³ And I know that such a person – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows –
- ⁴ was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat.
- ⁵ On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses.
- ⁶ But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me,

7 even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to
keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger
of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated.
8 Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me,
9 but he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in
weakness.' So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the
power of Christ may dwell in me.
10 Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and
calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

GOSPEL Mark 6.1–13

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

1 Jesus came to his home town, and his disciples followed him.
2 On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him
were astounded. They said, 'Where did this man get all this? What is this
wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by
his hands!
3 Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and
Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?' And they took offence
at him.
4 Then Jesus said to them, 'Prophets are not without honour, except in their
home town, and among their own kin, and in their own house.'
5 And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a
few sick people and cured them.
6 And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages
teaching.
7 He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them
authority over the unclean spirits.
8 He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no
bag, no money in their belts;
9 but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics.
10 He said to them, 'Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the
place.
11 If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave,
shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.'
12 So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent.
13 They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and
cured them.

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>

There will not be a 10.00am Eucharist on Thursdays 11 and 18th July.

The Church will be open for tea and coffee on Wednesday mornings from 10.00am – 12.00 noon.

The Quiz Night last week raised the splendid sum of £1152. Many thanks to the organisers, helpers and all who attended.

Every donation that is made to SAINT MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS PCC WATFORD is gratefully received. Code 20-91-79 Account 70409448. Gift Aid? Please contact a warden. Thank you very much!

Dementia Awareness: A final call for names to attend the talk to be given by the Alzheimer’s Society at 10.30 a.m. on Monday July 29th on the important subject of Dementia Awareness.

The venue is the Warner Bros Studios at Leavesden Park.

Please let Simon Fowle know in church or by email - simon.fowle@ntlworld.com - and he will give you directions.

29th September is Fr. Geoff’s Farewell Parish Lunch. Please see Maggie with offers of help with the food.

Website: <http://www.stmichaels-watford.org.uk>
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