



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

TRINITY 7

Sunday 14 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. We welcome Fr David Tuck, who is presiding and preaching today. Welcome also to the family of Mason Mark Blyth, being baptised today.

Hymns for Sunday are: 380 At the name of Jesus, 386 Be thou my vision, 496, Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us, 494 King of glory, king of peace.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Parish of Bayford in our Diocese
The Church of Ireland
Pilgrimage churches and those who visit them.

The World: The people of Gaza
The people of France
Young people learning skills.

The Community and Parish: Hannah Hunt, Louise Hunt and Carol Hunt, killed in Bushey, their family, friends and wider community

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

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all
goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
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 6.1–5, 12b–19

A reading from the second book of Samuel.

- ¹ David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand.
- ² David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the LORD of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim.
- ³ They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark.
- ⁵ David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the LORD with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals.
- ¹² So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing;
- ¹³ and when those who bore the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling.
- ¹⁴ David danced before the LORD with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod.
- ¹⁵ So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.
- ¹⁶ As the ark of the LORD came into the city of David. Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart.
- ¹⁷ They brought in the ark of the LORD, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the LORD.
- ¹⁸ When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts,
- ¹⁹ and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

SECOND READING Ephesians 1.3–14

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

- ³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,
- ⁴ just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love.

5 He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good
pleasure of his will,
6 to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.
7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according
to the riches of his grace
8 that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight
9 he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set
forth in Christ,
10 as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in Christ, things in heaven and things
on earth.
11 In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the
purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will,
12 so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his
glory.
13 In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had
believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit;
14 this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise
of his glory.

GOSPEL Mark 6.14-29

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

14 King Herod heard of the healings and other miracles, for Jesus' name had become known.
Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason
these powers are at work in him.'
15 But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.'
16 But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.'
17 For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on
account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her.
18 For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.'
19 And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not,
20 for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him.
When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him.
21 But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and
officers and for the leaders of Galilee.
22 When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the
king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.'
23 And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my
kingdom.'
24 She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John
the Baptist.'
25 Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me at once the
head of John the Baptizer on a platter.'
26 The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not
want to refuse her.
27 Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went
and beheaded him in the prison,
28 brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother.
29 When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.
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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 Thursday 18th July.

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

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

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