



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

**MEMORIAL SERVICE
ALL SOULS DAY
2 November 2014**

A warm welcome to our services today.

The 9.30 am Sung Eucharist is a Memorial Service in which we remember the departed and give thanks for their lives; there is a special service booklet for this; Fr Geoff celebrates and preaches and Violet Allen-Smith leads the intercessions. The names of the recently departed will be read and candles lit.

Hymns: 507, 383, 411 (all in booklet) and "In This Place"

Setting: White

Coffee and tea will be served in church after the 9.30 service – please stay on.

All Souls Eucharist and reading of Chantry List at 6.00pm

For your prayers this week:

The Church:

Retired Clergy in the St Albans Diocese.

Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba, and Griselda Delgado del Carpio its Bishop.

Anglican Churches working with Us in South Korea.

The World:

Our Health Service and those who work in it.

Our armed forces personnel serving abroad.

All people in danger from alcohol or drug addiction.

The Community and Parish:

All people who have been recently bereaved.

Departed former worshippers at St Michaels.

Those whose memory is precious to each of us.

The Ill and the

Housebound: Especially Bruce Alexander, Janet Bridge, Jean and Robert Caton, Peter Coley, Marion Craddock-Jones, Pamela Cutler, Audrey Dixon, Sandra Fullerton, Jenny Houghton, Audrey Jaquest, Pam Jennings, Mary Kearns, Lesley Kinch, Loretta Lynch, Audrey Morgan, Dorcas Ochola, Brian O'Riordan, Helen Perry, Mark Pritchard, Christina Simon, Mark Simon, Karen Stride, Betty Westney and Anne Wightman.

The Departed:

Collect

O God, the maker and redeemer of all:
grant us, with all the departed,
the sure benefits of your Son's saving passion
and glorious resurrection;
that in the last day,
when you gather all things up in Christ,
we may with them enjoy the fullness of your promises;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,

READING Wisdom of Solomon 3.1-5

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

- ¹ The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them.
- ² In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster,
- ³ and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace.
- ⁴ For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality.
- ⁵ Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself.

GOSPEL John 14.1-6, 27

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

Jesus said to his disciples:

¹ 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me.

² In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?

³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.

⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going.'

⁵ Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?'

⁶ Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life.

²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.'



THIS WEEK

Mon	3	Nov	Toddlers' Group	10 – 11.30am
			“Discovering the Bible” (Vicarage)	2.30 – 4.00pm
			Radlett Choral Society rehearsal	evening
Tue	4	Nov	River Court	3.00pm
			“Discovering the Bible” (Vicarage)	7.30 – 9.00pm
Wed	5	Nov	Mission Committee (Clergy Vestry)	9.30am
			Coffee in Church and Food Bank	10.30 - 12 noon
Thur	6	Nov	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			Fairhaven	morning
			Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
Sat	8	Nov	(RSCM Examinations (Choir Vestry)	9.00 – 1.30pm)
			(Radlett CS rehearsal	afternoon)
			Radlett Choral Society concert	7.30pm
Sun	9	Nov	<u>REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY</u>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST (President and Preacher: Fr Geoff)	9.30am
			(The Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church	1.00 – 5.00pm)
			Evening Prayer	6.00pm

NOTICES

RAFFLE FOR CHRISTMAS FAIR (29 NOVEMBER 2014)

If you work for a local business, or know someone who does, please see Sue Ellison or Elizabeth Watkin to talk about getting prize donations.

HELP FOR CHRISTMAS FAIR Help needed from EVERYONE! Please sign up at the back of church to run a stall, serve lunches and refreshments, move furniture, set up stalls and tables, or clearing up afterwards. Please contact Kristine on 07572601529 or jenkinskristine@hotmail.com. This is an important occasion when we open our doors to all the community and aim to raise money to help to pay our 'household' bills. There are fliers and posters at the back of church for distribution.

RADLETT CHORAL SOCIETY will be giving their next concert at St Michael's next Saturday, 8 November, at 7.30 pm. They will be performing Handel's Judas Maccabaeus with orchestral accompaniment by the London Handel Consort. Tickets are £12 obtainable from 01923 226836/243545.

LAST SUNDAY'S BRING-&-BUY SALE raised £52. Many thanks to all.

FOOD BANK: Don't forget that we are still collecting food as well as acting as a distribution centre. There is a list at the back of church of the items of food that can be included in the parcels. If you would like to donate any of these items please bring them to church and put them in the box at the west end.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:

Advent Sunday, 30 November at 6.00 pm: Advent Sequence - “A procession of light, with anthems, hymns, readings and prayers for Advent”.