



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

**LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
25 October 2015**

We wish you a warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist Fr Geoff celebrates and Violet Allen-Smith preaches. Sylvia Moring leads the intercessions.

Hymns: 277, 475, 96 and 500 (i)

Setting: Thorne

Refreshments will be served in church after the 9.30 service and there will be a Bring-&-Buy Sale – please stay on.

(The Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church 1.00 – 5.00pm)

Evening Prayer at 6.00 pm.)

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Parish of Wymington in our Diocese.

The Dioceses of Tohoku and Tokyo in Japan, their Bishops and People.

Thanksgiving for the 50th anniversary of the merger of UMCA and SPG to form USPG (now called Us).

The World: All people struggling to make ends meet.

People still rebuilding their lives after the earthquake in Nepal.

The people of Syria.

The Community and Parish: The work of New Hope's hostels for homeless people in Watford.

Local school pupils and staff on half term.

All housebound people in our area.

Lucy Eccleshall and Sam Greenacre who were married yesterday.

The Ill and the Housebound: Especially Bruce Alexander, Sonia Anderson, Tina Bennett, Janet Bridge, Jean and Robert Caton, Peter Coley, Marion Craddock-Jones, Audrey Dixon, Claire Dunning, Sandra Fullerton, Jenny Houghton, Kristine Jenkins, Mary Kearns, Lesley Kinch, Loretta Lynch, Dorcas Ochola, Brian O'Riordan, Helen Perry, Mark Pritchard, Christina Simon, Mark Simon, Karen Stride and Nicholas Weeks.

The Departed:

Collect

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Job 42.1–6, 10–17

A reading from the book of Job.

- 1 Job answered the LORD:
- 2 'I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.
- 3 "Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?" Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.
- 4 "Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you declare to me."
- 5 I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you;
- 6 therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes.'
- 10 And the LORD restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before.
- 11 Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring.
- 12 The LORD blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys.
- 13 He also had seven sons and three daughters.
- 14 He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Kerenhappuch.
- 15 In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job's daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers.
- 16 After this Job lived one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children's children, four generations.
- 17 And Job died, old and full of days.

SECOND READING Hebrews 7.23–28

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

- 23 The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office;
- 24 but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues for ever.
- 25 Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.
- 26 For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens.
- 27 Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself.
- 28 For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect for ever.

GOSPEL Mark 10.46b–52

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

- 46 As Jesus and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside.
- 47 When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!'
- 48 Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!'
- 49 Jesus stood still and said, 'Call him here.' And they called the blind man, saying to him, 'Take heart; get up, he is calling you.'
- 50 So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus.
- 51 Then Jesus said to him, 'What do you want me to do for you?' The blind man said to him, 'My teacher, let me see again.'
- 52 Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has made you well.' Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

THIS WEEK

Mon	26	Oct	<i>School Half Term Week</i>	
			Toddlers' Group	10.00am – 11.30am
Wed	28	Oct	Food Bank	10.00am – 12 noon
			Coffee in Church	10.30am – 12 noon
Thu	29	Oct	Holy Communion	10.00am
			Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
Fri	30	Oct	(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church	5.00 – 9.00pm)
Sat	31	Oct	(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church	9.00am – 9.00pm)
Sun	1	Nov	ALL SAINTS	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff)	8.00am
			MEMORIAL SERVICE - SUNG EUCHARIST	9.30am
			(President and Preacher: Fr Geoff	
			Sunday School	
			All Souls Eucharist when the Chantry List will be read	6.00pm

NOTICES

CONGREGATION FAVOURITE HYMNS in today's service are 96, 277 and 475.

REFUGEE CRISIS: - There is a document available at the back of Church from Watford Deanery, with responses Christians can make to the refugee crisis.

HALL LETTINGS SECRETARY NEEDED URGENTLY: We need someone to look after the lettings of Littlebury Hall, taking enquiries, collecting payment, locking and unlocking. Please consider very carefully if you could serve our church community in this way. More information from Kristine Jenkins or Fr Geoff.

REMEMBRANCE DAY POPPIES: The British Legion has given us a box of poppies to sell for Remembrance Day which this year is on 8 November. These will be at the west end of the church.

SUNDAY SCHOOL If you would like to help with a session during this term please see Fr Geoff, Sue Ellison or Elizabeth Watkin.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

1st November ALL SAINTS 9.30 am Memorial Service
 6 pm All Souls Eucharist when the Chantry List will be read
 8th November Remembrance Sunday
 28th November Christmas Fair - 11 am - 2.30 pm

There will be meetings of the PCC on:

4 November, 2 December 2015. 3 February, 9 March, 6 April 2016