



# THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

*St Michael and All Angels*

Watford

**MEMORIAL SERVICE  
ALL SAINTS DAY  
1 November 2015**

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 Phil Gough 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: Thorne**

Refreshments will be served in church after the 9.30 service – please stay on.

All Souls Eucharist and reading of Chantry List at 6.00pm

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## **For your prayers this week:**

**The Church:** The St Albans Diocesan Synod.  
The Diocese of Truro, Timothy Thornton its Bishop and all its people.  
Worldwide Churches coping with extremes of climate.

**The World:** All those workers who have recently lost their jobs.  
All whose lives and communities are threatened by violence.  
The work of bereavement counselling.

**The Community and Parish:** The recently bereaved families with us today.  
The work of the Peace Hospice.  
The work of conducting funeral services in this parish.

**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:**

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## 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.

- <sup>1</sup> The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them.
- <sup>2</sup> In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster,
- <sup>3</sup> and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace.
- <sup>4</sup> For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality.
- <sup>5</sup> 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	2	Nov	Toddlers' Group "Discovering the Bible" Choir Vestry)	10 – 11.30am 2.30 – 4.00pm
Tue	3	Nov	River Court	2.30pm
Wed	4	Nov	Food Bank Coffee in Church PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL	10.00am – 12 noon 10.30am – 12 noon 7.55pm
Thur	5	Nov	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language) Fairhaven Choir Practice	10.00am morning 7.00 – 8.30pm
Sun	8	Nov	<b><u>REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY</u></b> Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George) <b>SUNG EUCHARIST</b> (President and Preacher: Fr Geoff) Laying of wreath on War Memorial in Lady Chapel (The Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church Evening Prayer	8.00am 9.30am  1.00 – 5.00pm) 6.00pm

## **NOTICES**

**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 Elizabeth Watkin (Tel 01923 255715), elizabethwatkin@yahoo.co.uk, or Fr Geoff for further information or if you have an idea for a stall, or maybe a children's activity/game. 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.

**LAST SUNDAY'S BRING-&-BUY SALE** raised £49.50. Many thanks to all.

**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**

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

13th December Christingle service at 11.15 am

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