



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

8 November 2015

We wish you a warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist Fr Geoff celebrates and preaches. Sarah Dunning leads the intercessions. The service will include the laying of a poppy wreath.

Hymns: 537, 413, 384 and 442

Setting: Thorne

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

(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church 1.00pm – 5.00pm)

Evening Prayer at 6.00pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: Service chaplains, and all ministers taking remembrance services today.

The Parish of St Mary Marshalswick in our Diocese.

The Diocese of Upper Shire in Central Africa, Brighton Vitta Malasa its Bishop and all its people.

The work of the Amity Foundation in China, supported by Us
Church Army Evangelists in Training.

The World: Members of our Armed Forces.

All those injured, traumatised or bereaved by war.

All those who died in the crash of the Russian plane in Egypt, and the bereaved.

The Community and Parish: Staff and Residents at Home Manor and St Anthony's.

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: Pat Gandy.

Collect

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the king of all:
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Jonah 3.1–5, 10

A reading from the book of Jonah.

- ¹ The word of the LORD came to Jonah, saying,
² ‘Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.’
³ So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across.
⁴ Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, ‘Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!’
⁵ And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.
¹⁰ When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

SECOND READING Hebrews 9.24–28

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

²⁴ Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.

²⁵ Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own;

²⁶ for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself.

²⁷ And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgement,

²⁸ so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

GOSPEL Mark I.14–20

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

¹⁴ After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God,

¹⁵ and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

¹⁶ As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake – for they were fishermen.

¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.'

¹⁸ And immediately they left their nets and followed him.

¹⁹ As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets.

²⁰ Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

THIS WEEK

Mon	9	Nov	Toddlers' Group (Littlebury Hall)	10.00am – 11.30am
			Funeral of Pat Gandy (in Church)	12 noon
Tue	10	Nov	Wedding rehearsal	8.00pm
Wed	11	Nov	Food Bank	10.00am – 12 noon
			Coffee in Church	10.30am – 12 noon
			Home Manor	2.30pm
Thu	12	Nov	Holy Communion	10.00am
			Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
Sat	14	Nov	Wedding	11.00am
			RSCM Examinations (in Choir Vestry)	1.30 – 5.00pm
Sun	15	Nov	<u>SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT</u>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST	9.30am
			(President: Fr Geoff and Preacher: Richard Chewter)	
			followed by a Bring-&-Buy Sale for church funds	
			Messy Church	11.15am
			Evening Prayer	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. Please distribute some if you can.

THE CHRISTMAS MEALS AT WEST HERTS COLLEGE are now fully booked. Sorry if you did not manage to book in time. Any queries to Martin Matthews.

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. These are at the west end of the church. The donations will be collected during this week.

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

28th November Christmas Fair - 11 am - 2.30 pm

13th December Christingle service at 11.15 am.

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