



# THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

*St Michael and All Angels*

Watford

**CHRIST THE KING**

**22 November 2015**

We wish you a warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist Fr George celebrates and preaches. Jamie Wareham leads the intercessions.

**Hymns: 165, 490 (i), 563 and 609**

**Setting: Thorne**

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

The Interfaith Pilgrimage starts from Friends Meeting House at 12 noon (see inside).

(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church 1.00pm – 5.00pm)

NO Evening Prayer here tonight.

---

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

**The Church:** The Parish of St Nicholas Stevenage in our Diocese.  
The Diocese of Wangaratta in Australia, John Parkes its Bishop and all its people.

The work of Us with vulnerable young people in Korea.

**The World:** The people of Paris, and all who live in fear of terrorist violence.  
All who are refugees from violence, terrorism and war.  
The work of helping people of different faiths and nationalities to live in harmony.

**The Community and Parish:** All taking part in today's Interfaith Pilgrimage and prayer vigil.

The Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church.

God's blessing on our Christmas Fair, that we may do His work.

**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:** Pam Alderman, 87, a dear friend of Mark and Elizabeth.

---

# CHRIST THE KING

## Collect

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:  
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## FIRST READING Daniel 7.9–10, 13–14

A reading from the book of Daniel.

- <sup>9</sup> As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire.
- <sup>10</sup> A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousand served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgement, and the books were opened.
- <sup>13</sup> As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him.
- <sup>14</sup> To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

## SECOND READING Revelation 1.4b–8

A reading from the book of Revelation.

- <sup>4</sup> Grace to you and peace from God who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne,
- <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood,
- <sup>6</sup> and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

- 7 Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.
- 8 'I am the Alpha and the Omega,' says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

## **GOSPEL John 18.33b–37**

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

- 33 Pilate asked Jesus, 'Are you the King of the Jews?'
- 34 Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?'
- 35 Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?'
- 36 Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.'
- 37 Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

\* \* \* \* \*

### Watford Interfaith Pilgrimage

The Interfaith Pilgrimage starts at 12 noon from Friends Meeting House, calling at six places of worship. The pilgrims will be welcomed and shown around the 6 places of worship. This year we have been invited for a potluck lunch at the Friends Meeting House and a talk on Quakerism. After about 20 minutes in each place, the pilgrimage will move off to the next destination concluding at 5.00 pm at the Gurdwara where all are welcome to stay for refreshments.

At 2.30 pm, the Pilgrimage will stop at the Bandstand for a 2 minutes silence in solidarity and memory of those who lost their lives during the horrific incidents in Paris and across the world.

This is a free event and all are welcome to join this walk at any time. Women are asked to cover their legs with long skirts or trousers and bring some head covering for visiting the Mosque and Gurdwara. Shoes will also need to be removed at these places of worship (both men and women need to cover their head at the Gurdwara).

There is a timetable at the back of church.

## THIS WEEK

Mon	23	Nov	Toddlers' Group	10.00am – 11.30am
Wed	25	Nov	Food Bank	10.00am – 12 noon
			Coffee in Church	10.30am – 12 noon
Thu	26	Nov	Holy Communion	10.00am
			Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
Fri	27	Nov	Set up for Christmas Fair	from 2.30pm
Sat	28	Nov	<b>CHRISTMAS FAIR</b>	11.00am – 2.30pm
			Lunches served in church from 12 noon.	
Sun	29	Nov	<b>ADVENT SUNDAY</b>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff)	8.00am
			<b>SUNG EUCHARIST</b> (President and Preacher: Fr Geoff)	<b>9.30am</b>
			Baptism	3.00pm
			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, make cakes and preserves, 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. Please distribute some if you can.

Please place any items you have for the Fair in the boxes at the back of the Church.

MARK WATKIN would like to thank everyone who sponsored him to support Homestart. Your generous donations last week raised £166.

LAST SUNDAY'S BRING-&-BUY SALE raised £62 for Church funds. Many thanks.

FINAL COPY DATE for December Sword is today, 22nd November. Hard copy or floppy disc to Rob White or email to robwhite.watford@tiscali.co.uk. Items welcome from church members of any age.

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.

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

6<sup>th</sup> December Bring-&-Buy Sale towards the purchase of oranges, etc to make up the Christingles for the service on the 13th.

13<sup>th</sup> December Christingle service at 11.15 am.

20<sup>th</sup> December Carol Service at 6.00 pm

St Michael and All Angels PCC is a Registered Charity No 1132010