



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

23 October 2016

A warm welcome to our services.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist; Fr Geoff celebrates and Martin Heath preaches. Graham Mordue leads the intercessions.

Hymns: 626, 423 (i), 628 and 466

Children's Church in Littlebury Hall.

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

(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church

1.00 - 5.00pm)

NO Evening Prayer here. Gathering for Week of Prayer for World Peace at Friends' Meeting House, 7.30pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Parish of Wilden in our Diocese.

The Episcopal Church of Cuba, Griselda Delgado del Carpio, its Bishop, and all its people.

Church Army's Leadership Team.

The World: All who live in the Holy Land.

Christian Aid Partners working for education for all in Zimbabwe.

The people of Mosul and Aleppo.

The Community and Parish: Watford Interfaith Association.

All who look after our finances.

The editor of, and contributors to, our parish magazine.

The Ill and the Housebound: Especially Bruce Alexander, Sonia Anderson,

Gavin Ashenden, Christopher Bilson, Janet Bridge, Robert Caton,

Peter Coley, Marion Craddock-Jones, Audrey Dixon, Claire

Dunning, Kristine Jenkins, Mary Kearns, Lesley Kinch, Loretta

Lynch, Dorcas Ochola, Brian O'Riordan, Helen Perry, Michele

Rodford, Christina Simon and Mark Simon.

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 Joel 2.23–32

A reading from the book of the prophet Joel.

- ²³ O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the LORD your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before.
- ²⁴ The threshing-floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.
- ²⁵ I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you.
- ²⁶ You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame.
- ²⁷ You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.
- ²⁸ Then afterwards I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions.
- ²⁹ Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit.
- ³⁰ I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke.
- ³¹ The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the LORD comes.
- ³² Then everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the LORD has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the LORD calls.

SECOND READING 2 Timothy 4.6–8, 16–18

A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy.

- ⁶ As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come.
- ⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.
- ⁸ From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.
- ¹⁶ At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them!
- ¹⁷ But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth.
- ¹⁸ The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL Luke 18.9–14

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

- ⁹ Jesus also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt:
- ¹⁰ 'Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector.
- ¹¹ The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector.
- ¹² I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income."
- ¹³ But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!"
- ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.'

THIS WEEK

Mon	24	Oct	Toddlers' Group	10 – 11.30am
Tue	25	Oct	(Post-natal class in Choir Vestry Finance Committee (Clergy Vestry)	9.30 - 11.30am 10.00am
Wed	26	Oct	Food Bank Coffee in Church	10.00am – 12 noon 10.30am – 12 noon
Thur	27	Oct	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language) Choir Practice	10.00am 7.00-8.30pm
Sat	29	Oct	<i>British summertime ends - put clocks back one hour tonight</i>	
Sun	30	Oct	<u>ALL SAINTS SUNDAY</u>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George)	8.00am
			MEMORIAL SERVICE	
			SUNG EUCHARIST	9.30am
			(President and Preacher: Fr Geoff)	
			Children's Church in Littlebury Hall	
			Followed by Bring-and-Buy sale	
			Evening Prayer	6.00 pm

NOTICES

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE 16th-23rd October 2016: Copies of the prayer leaflet are at the back of church. Please take one and use it for prayer. There will be a service tonight at Friends' Meeting House starting at 7.30 pm. (See article in the October Sword.)

THE TICKETS FOR THIS YEAR'S GRAND DRAW will be available soon. The date of the draw is 4th December, after the Christingle service, so there will only be a few weeks in which to sell them. Please speak to Sue or Elizabeth for further information.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Next Sunday, 30 October at 9.30 am, Memorial Service (not 6 November)

Wednesday, 2 November, All Souls, Eucharist at 8 pm

Thursday, 3 November, Reading of the Chantry List at the 10 am Service of Holy Communion.

Wednesday, 9th November: The Bishop of St Albans will be coming to the Watford Deanery, and there will be a special service at St Luke's, Langley Way, at 7.30pm, to which we are all invited, to celebrate all that is happening in Living God's Love in our Deanery.

Saturday, 19 November, 9.30 am – 4.00 pm: A Quiet Day, led by The Revd Jo Spray, at the Evangelical Sisterhood of Mary, Radlett, with the theme "Advent is a Season".

Saturday, 26 November, Christmas Fair. Have you invited any friends to come to lunch at the Fair? How can you help this year? Please read Kristine's article in the October Sword to see what you can do.

Sunday, 4 December, Christingle Service