



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
MEMORIAL SERVICE
30 October 2016**

A warm welcome to our services.

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 Violet Allen-Smith leads the intercessions. The names of the recently departed will be read and candles lit.

Hymns: 507, 383, 411 and "In This Place"

Setting: Thorne

Children's Church in Littlebury Hall.

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

Evening Prayer at 6 pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Parish of St Peter London Colney, in our Diocese.
The Diocese of Bermuda, Nicholas Dill its Bishop, and all its people.

The Church's ministry to bereaved people.

The World: A world in which all people have access to employment, education, and healthcare.

All those whose lives are vulnerable to climate change.

All people living in combat zones.

The Community and Parish: Residents and Staff at River Court.

Our friends of the Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church.

Our departed friends, loved ones and fellow worshippers.

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

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Daniel 7.1–3, 15–18

A reading from the book of Daniel.

- ¹ In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream:
- ² I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea,
- ³ and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.
- ¹⁵ As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me.
- ¹⁶ I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter:
- ¹⁷ 'As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth.
- ¹⁸ But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom for ever – for ever and ever.'

SECOND READING Ephesians 1.11–23

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

- ¹¹ In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will,
- ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory.
- ¹³ In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit;
- ¹⁴ this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.
- ¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason

¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers.
¹⁷ I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him,
¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints,
¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.
²⁰ God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places,
²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come.
²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church,
²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

GOSPEL Luke 6.20–31

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

²⁰ Jesus looked up at his disciples and said: ‘Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.
²¹ Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.
²² Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man.
²³ Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.
²⁴ But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.
²⁵ Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.
²⁶ Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.
²⁷ But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.
²⁸ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt.
²⁹ Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again.
³⁰ Do to others as you would have them do to you.’
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THIS WEEK

Mon	31	Oct	<i>Schools return from Half Term</i>	
			Toddlers' Group	10 – 11.30am
Tue	1	Nov	Service at River Court	2.30pm
Wed	2	Nov	<i>All Souls</i>	
			Food Bank	10.00am – 12 noon
			Coffee in Church	10.30am – 12 noon
			Eucharist	8.00pm
Thur	3	Nov	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			Including Reading of the Chantry List	
			Choir Practice	7.00-8.30pm
Fri	4	Nov	(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church	5.00 - 11.00pm)
Sat	5	Nov	(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church	8.30am - 5.00pm)
Sun	6	Nov	<u>THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT</u>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff)	8.00am
			FIRST SUNDAY of MONTH SUNG EUCHARIST	9.30am
			(President: Fr Geoff; All-Age Presentation)	
			United Evening Service at St Michael's	6.00 pm

NOTICES

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.

HELP AT THE CHRISTMAS FAIR (26 November 11am-2.30 pm)

There are many ways in which you can help at the Christmas Fair. Some take longer than others; some can be done at home. Here are a few suggestions -
 Cook something for the lunches (see list for suggestions)
 Volunteer some time to help man a stall (Norma and Sylvia both need help)
 Make a cake(s)
 See the list at the west end to see what stalls have no one to run them
 Find some books, bric-a-brac, anything for prizes, to donate.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

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".**

Sunday, 4 December, Christingle Service

**** Please sign lists at west end if you are able to attend.**