



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

The Saints

6 November 2016

A warm welcome to our services today.

At 9.30 am there is our First Sunday of the Month Eucharist; Fr Geoff celebrates and Phil Gough leads the intercessions. There is an all-age presentation.

Hymns: Leaflet

Setting: Thorne

Refreshments will be served in church afterwards – please stay on.

United Evening Service at St Michael's at 6.00 pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Parish of St Luke, St Albans in our Diocese.
The Lusitanian Church of Portugal, José Jorge de Pina Cabral its
Bishop and all its people.

Church Army's Mission Community.

The World: The people of Mosul and Aleppo.
The people of the United States of America.
Small-scale farmers in Ghana.

The Community and Parish: All those preparing for Celebration 2017.

Bishop Alan's visit to our Deanery.

Members of the Guild of Servants of the Sanctuary.

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 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:

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters
beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for
salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the
truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the
good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So
then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that
you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved
us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort
your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

This is the word of the Lord

GOSPEL Matthew 5: 1-12

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

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

‘Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

‘Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

‘Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

‘Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

‘Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

‘Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

THIS WEEK

Mon	7	Nov	Toddlers' Group	10 – 11.30am
			Discovering the Bible (Choir Vestry)	2.30pm
			Estates Committee (Choir Vestry)	8.00pm
Wed	9	Nov	Bishop Alan in Watford all day - see Notices	
			Food Bank	10.00am – 12 noon
			Coffee in Church	10.30am – 12 noon
			Service at Home Manor	2.30pm
			Service for GSS - Office and Requiem (at St Michael's)	8.00pm
Thur	10	Nov	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			NO Choir Practice	
Sun	13	Nov	<u>REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY</u>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST	9.30am
			(President and Preacher: Fr Geoff)	Children's Church
			Laying of wreath on War memorial in Lady Chapel	
			Service followed by a Bring-&-Buy Sale.	
			(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church)	1.00 – 5.00pm)
			Evening Prayer	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)

Look at the list at the west end to see which stalls need someone 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.**