



# THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

*St Michael and All Angels*

Watford

**SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT  
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY  
13 November 2016**

A warm welcome to our services.

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

**Hymns: 413, 553, 537 and 470**

**Setting: Thorne**

Children's Church in Littlebury Hall.

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

(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church 1.00pm – 5.00pm)

Evening Prayer at 6.00.

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

**The Church:** The people of the Church at Aston in Stevenage in our Diocese.

The work of USPG partners with refugees in Greece.

The work of Church Army with people on the margins of society.

**The World:** Respect and cooperation between people of different political viewpoints.

The people of Aleppo and Mosul.

People whose livelihoods are vulnerable to climate change.

**The Community and Parish:** Our PCC members.

Our Mothers Union members.

Our organist/choirmaster and choir members.

**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:**

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**Collect**

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**FIRST READING Malachi 4.1–2a**

A reading from the book of the prophet Malachi.

- <sup>1</sup> See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch.
- <sup>2</sup> But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

**SECOND READING 2 Thessalonians 3.6–13**

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

- <sup>6</sup> We command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us.
- <sup>7</sup> For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you,
- <sup>8</sup> and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you.
- <sup>9</sup> This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate.
- <sup>10</sup> For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat.
- <sup>11</sup> For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work.
- <sup>12</sup> Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.
- <sup>13</sup> Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

## **GOSPEL Luke 21.5–19**

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

- 5 When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said,
- 6 ‘As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.’
- 7 They asked him, ‘Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?’
- 8 And Jesus said, ‘Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, “I am he!” and, “The time is near!” Do not go after them.
- 9 When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.’
- 10 Then he said to them, ‘Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom;
- 11 there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.
- 12 But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name.
- 13 This will give you an opportunity to testify.
- 14 So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance;
- 15 for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict.
- 16 You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death.
- 17 You will be hated by all because of my name.
- 18 But not a hair of your head will perish.
- 19 By your endurance you will gain your souls.’

## THIS WEEK

|      |    |     |  |                   |
|------|----|-----|--|-------------------|
| Mon  | 14 | Nov | Toddlers' Group                                    | 10 – 11.30am      |
| Wed  | 16 | Nov | Food Bank  | 10.00am – 12 noon |
|      |    |     | Coffee in Church                                   | 10.30am – 12 noon |
|      |    |     | <b>PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL</b>                    | 7.55pm            |
| Thur | 17 | Nov | Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language) | 10.00am           |
|      |    |     | followed by coffee for all in choir vestry         |                   |
|      |    |     | Choir Practice                                     | 7.00-8.30pm       |
| Sat  | 19 | Nov | Quiet Day led by The Rev Jo Spray (see below)      |                   |
|      |    |     | RSCM Exams in Choir Vestry                         | 11 - 12 noon      |
| Sun  | 20 | Nov | <b><u>CHRIST THE KING</u></b>                      |                   |
|      |    |     | Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff)                    | 8.00am            |
|      |    |     | <b>SUNG EUCHARIST</b>                              | <b>9.30am</b>     |
|      |    |     | (President and Preacher: Fr Geoff)                 |                   |
|      |    |     | Children's Church in Littlebury Hall               |                   |
|      |    |     | Interfaith Pilgrimage                              | 12 noon – 5.00pm  |
|      |    |     | Evening Prayer                                     | 6.00 pm.          |

## NOTICES

THE TICKETS FOR THIS YEAR'S GRAND DRAW are now available. 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 -

Prizes are needed for the Tombola. Please give to Valerie O'Riordan

Cook something for the lunches (see list for suggestions)

Volunteer some time to help man a stall (Norma needs 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:

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

**Sunday, 4 December, Christingle Service**

OCTOBER BRING-AND-BUY: Many thanks to all who helped. The stall raised £61.50 for Church funds.

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