



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

CHRIST THE KING

20 November 2016

A warm welcome to our services.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist Fr Geoff celebrates and preaches and Sarah Dunning leads the intercessions.

Hymns: 165, 172, 443 and 299

Setting: Thorne

Children's Church in Littlebury Hall.

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

The Interfaith Pilgrimage starts from Watford Gurdwara at 12.00. There is no evening prayer here.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Parish of St Mary, Shephall, in our Diocese
The Parish of the Falkland Islands, Nigel Stock, its Vicar, and all its People

Church Army's senior leadership team

The World: Women who are victims of violence across the world
Church people working to combat gender-based violence
Wisdom and compassion among world leaders

The Community and Parish: The Interfaith Pilgrimage this afternoon
Our Christmas fair: all who will help and attend
The charities we support with our Mission Giving

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, Peter Hinchey, Kristine Jenkins, Mary Kearns, Lesley Kinch, Loretta Lynch, Dorcas Ochola, Brian O'Riordan, Helen Perry, Michele Rodford, Christina Simon, Mark Simon, and all who care for them.

The Departed: Gary White

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 Jeremiah 23.1–6

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

- ¹ Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD.
- ² Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD.
- ³ Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply.
- ⁴ I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.
- ⁵ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.
- ⁶ In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

SECOND READING Colossians 1.11–20

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

Brothers and sisters:

- ¹¹ May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience,
- ¹² while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light.
- ¹³ He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son,

¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation;
¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him.
¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.
¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything.
¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

GOSPEL Luke 23.33–43

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

³³ When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left.
³⁴ Then Jesus said, ‘Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.’ And they cast lots to divide his clothing.
³⁵ And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, ‘He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!’
³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, ‘If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!’
³⁷ There was also an inscription over him, ‘This is the King of the Jews.’
³⁸ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, ‘Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!’
³⁹ But the other rebuked him, saying, ‘Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?’
⁴⁰ And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.’
⁴¹ Then he said, ‘Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.’
⁴² Jesus replied, ‘Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.’
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THIS WEEK

Mon	21	Nov	Toddlers' Group	10 – 11.30am
Tue	22	Nov	Mission Committee (Clergy Vestry)	10.00am
Wed	23	Nov	Food Bank	10.00am – 12 noon
			Coffee in Church	10.30am – 12 noon
Thur	24	Nov	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			Choir Practice	7.00-8.30pm
Fri	25	Nov	Set up for Christmas Fair	2.00pm
Sat	26	Nov	<u>CHRISTMAS FAIR in CHURCH</u>	11.00am – 2.30pm
Sun	27	Nov	<u>ADVENT SUNDAY</u>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST	9.30am
			(President and Preacher: Fr Geoff)	
			Children's Church in Littlebury Hall	
			(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church	1.00pm – 5.00pm
			Evening Prayer	6.00 pm.

NOTICES

FINAL COPY DATE for December Sword is today Sunday, 20 November. Hard copy to Rob White or email to robwhite.watford@goolemail.com

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.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:

Sunday, 4 December, Christingle Service