



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

LENT 1

Sunday 5 March 2017

A warm welcome to our services today.

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

Hymns: Leaflet

Setting: Thorne

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

(Church in use 1pm-5pm for a family party.)

United Service at St Michael's at 6.00 pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Parish of Biddenham in our Diocese.

The Diocese of Marathwada (North India), Madhukar Kasab its Bishop, and all its people.

USPG's fostering of discipleship among Christians around the world.

The World: The Fairtrade Movement.

Church Army's work with homeless people.

Christian Aid supported safe houses for victims of domestic violence.

The Community and Parish: Our growth in discipleship during Lent.

Residents and Staff at River Court and Home Manor.

Leader and hosts of Lent groups in Watford Churches.

The Ill and the Housebound: Especially Bruce Alexander, Gavin Ashenden,

Christopher Bilson, Janet Bridge, Robert Caton, Peter Coley,

Marion Craddock-Jones, Judith Degen, Audrey Dixon, Claire

Dunning, Peter Hinchey, Kristine Jenkins, Mary Kearns, Lesley

Kinch, Loretta Lynch, Dorcas Ochola, Brian O'Riordan, Helen

Perry, John Ramsey, Pat Ricketts, Michele Rodford, Christina

Simon, Mark Simon, and all who care for them.

The Departed:

Collect

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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 Deuteronomy 6: 4-9

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

This is the word of the Lord.

GOSPEL Matthew 4.1-11

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

- ¹ Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.
- ² He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished.
- ³ The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.'
- ⁴ But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."'
- ⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him,
- ⁶ 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you," and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"
- ⁷ Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"
- ⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour;
- ⁹ and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.'
- ¹⁰ Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"
- ¹¹ Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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| Mon | 6 | Mar | Toddlers' Group | 10 – 11.30am |
| | | | Lent Group at 72 Harwoods Road | 2.30pm |
| | | | Lent Group at 18 Lynbury Court | 7.30pm |
| Tue | 7 | Mar | Service at River Court | 2.30pm |
| Wed | 8 | Mar | Food Bank | 10.00am – 12 noon |
| | | | Coffee in Church | 10.30am – 12 noon |
| | | | Service at Home Manor | 2.30pm |
| Thur | 9 | Mar | Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language) | 10.00am |
| | | | Choir Practice | 7.00 – 8.30pm |
| Sat | 11 | Mar | Table Top Sale in church | 10.30am – 12 noon |
| Sun | 12 | Mar | <u>LENT 2</u> | |
| | | | Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff) | 8.00am |
| | | | SUNG EUCHARIST | 9.30am |
| | | | (President & Preacher: Fr Geoff) | |
| | | | (Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church) | 1.00 – 5.00pm) |
| | | | Evening Prayer | 6.00pm |

NOTICES

LENT COLLECTING BOXES for mission are available at the back of church. Please take one. These will be collected on Easter Day.

LENT GROUPS: There are two Lent Groups, one on Monday afternoons at 2.30 pm at 72 Harwoods Road, and one on Monday nights at 7.30 pm at 18 Lynbury Court. There is a sign-up list at the back of Church. They start on Monday 6th March.

ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION: This year's revision commences on Sunday 12th March and finishes on Sunday 2nd April. A copy of the current Roll is on the notice board at the back of the Church for you to check. If anyone would like their name added to the Roll, please get a form from Fr Geoff or Henry or Sylvia Moring. Please inform us if you have changed your email address or telephone number.

BRING-&-BUY SALES: The sale in January raised £83 and the one in February raised £33.50. Many thanks to everyone who contributed to these sales

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

11th March Table-Top Sale in church 10.30-12 noon. To book a table (price £10) telephone 01923 251312

15th March Meeting of Parochial Church Council at 7.25 pm

18th March Lent Lunch - Sale, and frugal lunch of soup, bread & cheese served by St Michael's Brownies. All proceeds to mission.

19th March The Bishop of Hertford will be with us for the 9.30 Sung Eucharist. Please come along to hear and meet the Bishop.

TABLE TOP SALE - 11 MARCH 10.30-NOON - PLEASE COME