



# THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

*St Michael and All Angels*

Watford

**TRINITY 19**  
**22 October 2017**

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist, we welcome the Rev John Brown as Celebrant and Preacher. Mark Simon leads the intercessions.

**Hymns: 369, 398, 565 and 136**

**Setting: Thorne**

Children's Church in Littlebury Hall

(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church 1.00 – 5.00pm)

NO Evening Prayer tonight.

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

**The Church:** The Parish of Thurleigh (LEP) in our Diocese.  
The Diocese of Temotu (Melanesia), Leonard Dawea its Bishop  
and all its people.  
For courage to speak of our faith (Diocesan intention for prayer  
this week).

**The World:** All those adversely affected by storm Ophelia.  
People with debt issues and those who advise them.  
People living in refugee camps.

**The Community and Parish:** Our Church finances.  
The organists who play for us.  
Friendships across differences of origin, culture, wealth and  
religion.

**The Ill and the Housebound:** Especially Christopher Bilson, Janet Bridge, Peter  
Coley, Marion Craddock-Jones, Judith Degen, Audrey Dixon, Sister  
Dominic, Claire Dunning, Jemima Hill, Peter Hinchey, Blossom  
Hutchinson, Kristine Jenkins, Mary Kearns, Lesley Kinch, Loretta  
Lynch, Dorcas Ochola, Brian O'Riordan, Michele Rodford, Rick  
Sear, Christina Simon, Mark Simon, Peter White; and all who care  
for them.

**The Departed:**

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**Collect**

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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 Exodus 33.12–23**

A reading from the book of Exodus.

- <sup>12</sup> Moses said to the LORD, 'See, you have said to me, "Bring up this people"; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, "I know you by name, and you have also found favour in my sight."  
<sup>13</sup> Now if I have found favour in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favour in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people.'  
<sup>14</sup> He said, 'My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.'  
<sup>15</sup> And he said to him, 'If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here.  
<sup>16</sup> For how shall it be known that I have found favour in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth.'  
<sup>17</sup> The LORD said to Moses, 'I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favour in my sight, and I know you by name.'  
<sup>18</sup> Moses said, 'Show me your glory, I pray.'  
<sup>19</sup> And he said, 'I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, "The LORD"; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy.  
<sup>20</sup> But,' he said, 'you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live.'  
<sup>21</sup> And the LORD continued, 'See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock;  
<sup>22</sup> and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by;  
<sup>23</sup> then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen.'

## SECOND READING I Thessalonians 1.1–10

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

- <sup>1</sup> From Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.
- <sup>2</sup> We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers,  
<sup>3</sup> constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.
- <sup>4</sup> For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you,  
<sup>5</sup> because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake.
- <sup>6</sup> And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit,  
<sup>7</sup> so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia.
- <sup>8</sup> For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it.
- <sup>9</sup> For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God,  
<sup>10</sup> and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead – Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

## GOSPEL Matthew 22.15–22

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

- When the chief priests and Pharisees had heard the parables, they realized that Jesus was speaking about them.
- <sup>15</sup> Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said.
- <sup>16</sup> So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, ‘Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality.
- <sup>17</sup> Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?’
- <sup>18</sup> But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, ‘Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites?
- <sup>19</sup> Show me the coin used for the tax.’ And they brought him a denarius.
- <sup>20</sup> Then he said to them, ‘Whose head is this, and whose title?’
- <sup>21</sup> They answered, ‘The emperor’s.’ Then he said to them, ‘Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.’
- <sup>22</sup> When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

## **THIS WEEK**

Mon	23	Oct	Toddlers' Group	10 – 11.30am
Tue	24	Oct	Finance Committee (Choir Vestry)	7.25pm
Wed	25	Oct	Food Bank	10.00am – 12 noon
			Coffee in Church	10.30am – 12 noon
Thur	26	Oct	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
Sun	29	Oct	<i><b>British Summer Time ends. Put clocks back</b></i>	
			<b><u>LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY</u></b>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff)	8.00am
			<b>MEMORIAL SERVICE</b>	
			<b>SUNG EUCHARIST</b> (President and Preacher: Fr Geoff)	<b>9.30am</b>
			followed by Bring-&Buy Sale	
			Evening Prayer	6.00pm

## **NOTICES**

THIRD ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS CHRISTMAS DINNER at West Herts College Restaurant will be on Tuesday 5 December at 6.30pm.

This year a choice of Bucks Fizz, Mulled Wine or non alcoholic drink on arrival has been included. So the cost for this Drink, Three Course Meal followed by Tea/Coffee and Mince Pie will be £16.

No deposit BUT full payment by Friday 27 October 2017 to Martin Matthews please.

FINAL COPY DATE FOR THE NOVEMBER SWORD is MIDDAY today Sunday, 22 October. Hard copy to Rob White or email to [swordparishmagazine@googlemail.com](mailto:swordparishmagazine@googlemail.com)

**RADIATORS:** could people please refrain from placing tables and other items in front of the radiators. Keeping the church heated is very expensive anyway and obstacles prevent the flow of heat into the body of the church. Thank you

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

29 October at 9.30 is our annual Memorial Service when we remember our departed.

2 November Meeting of the Estates Committee at 2.30 pm

25 November – Christmas Fair 11.30am – 2.30pm.