



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

**LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
MEMORIAL SERVICE
29 October 2017**

A warm welcome to our services.

The 9.30 am Sung Eucharist is a Memorial Service in which we remember the departed and give thanks for their lives; there is a special service booklet for this; Fr Geoff celebrates and preaches and Violet Allen-Smith leads the intercessions. The names of the recently departed will be read and candles lit.

Hymns: 507, 383, 411 and 160 (All in service booklet)

Setting: Thorne

Children's Church in Littlebury Hall.

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

Evening Prayer at 6 pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Parish of Colney Heath in our Diocese.
The Diocese of Thoothukudi Nazareth (S. India) Samuel Devahasayam Ebenezer Clement its Bishop and all its People.
The Christians of Syria and Iraq.

The World: People who have been recently bereaved.
All who work in bereavement counselling and provide help.
All who help with funeral arrangements.

The Community and Parish: All who have come today to remember loved ones.
Those not able to attend today.
Healing and peace for bereaved people.

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: Joy MacTaggart.

Collect

O God, the maker and redeemer of all:
grant us, with all the departed,
the sure benefits of your Son's saving passion
and glorious resurrection;
that in the last day,
when you gather all things up in Christ,
we may with them enjoy the fullness of your promises;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

FIRST READING Romans 8.31–39

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

- ³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us?
- ³² He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else?
- ³³ Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.
- ³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.
- ³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?
- ³⁶ As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'
- ³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.
- ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height,
- ³⁹ nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

GOSPEL John 6.37-40

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

Then Jesus said to them,

³⁷ “Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away;

³⁸ for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me.

³⁹ And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day.

⁴⁰ This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.”



THIS WEEK

Mon	30	Oct	Toddlers' Group	10 – 11.30am
			Social Committee	10.30am
			NO Intercessory Prayer Group – to be rearranged	
Wed	1	Nov	<i>All Souls</i>	
			Food Bank	10.00am – 12 noon
			Coffee in Church	10.30am – 12 noon
Thur	2	Nov	<i>All Saints</i>	
			Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language) with reading of Chantry List	10.00am
			Estates Committee (Choir Vestry)	2.30pm
Fri	3	Nov	(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church	5.00 – 11.00pm)
Sat	4	Nov	(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church	8.30 – 5.00pm)
Sun	5	Nov	<u>ALL SAINTS</u>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff)	8.00am
			FIRST SUNDAY of MONTH SUNG EUCHARIST	9.30am
			(President: Fr Geoff; All-Age Presentation)	
			Extraordinary PCC meeting (Lady Chapel)	11.00am
			Evening Prayer	6.00pm

NOTICES

THE JACOBITE SYRIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH is having its Patronal Festival Celebrations on 3rd and 4th November. Members of St Michaels are invited to attend. There is a timetable at the back of Church. The procession, and sharing of food may be good times to go, - the food is traditional South Indian.

EXTRAORDINARY PCC MEETING on the 5th November in the Lady Chapel at 11.00 am, with two items on the agenda, the appointment of a new treasurer, and the appointment of new signatories for cheque payments.

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.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:

25 November – Christmas Fair 11.30am – 2.30pm.