



# THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

*St Michael and All Angels*

Watford

**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**

**5 November 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: 215, “Let there be love shared among us” (words inside), 519 and “You shall go out with joy” (words inside)**

**Setting: Thorne**

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

There is an EXTRAORDINARY PCC MEETING after the service at 11.00 am in the Lady Chapel (see Notices).

Evening Prayer 6.00 pm.

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

**The Church:** For St Albans Abbey, and all who worship there.  
The Diocese of Toungoo in Myanmar, Saw Wilme its Bishop and all its people.

Persecuted and displaced Christians across the world.

**The World:** The effects of climate change on people living in Polynesia.  
Disadvantaged children and young people.

The people of Sierra Leone bereaved by Ebola and the landslide.

**The Community and Parish:** Residents and staff at River Court and Home Manor.  
Our calling to be God’s saints here at St Michael’s.

Our relations with people of other faiths.

**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**

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:  
grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you;  
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 Romans 8:26-28**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

**GOSPEL Matthew 5: 1-12**

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

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.

Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.'

## **(Gradual Hymn)**

Let there be love shared among us,  
let there be love in our eyes.  
May now your love sweep this nation;  
cause us O Lord, to arise.  
Give us a fresh understanding  
of brotherly love that is real.  
Let there be love shared among us, let there be love.

## **(Post communion hymn)**

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace,  
and the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you.  
There'll be shouts of joy and the trees of the field shall clap, shall clap  
their hands.  
And the trees of the field shall clap their hands  
And the trees of the field shall clap their hands  
And the trees of the field shall clap their hands  
and you'll go out with joy.

## THIS WEEK

Mon	6	Nov	Toddlers' Group	10 – 11.30am
			Discovering the Bible (Choir Vestry)	2.30pm
Tue	7	Nov	Service at River Court	2.30pm
Wed	8	Nov	Food Bank	10.00am – 12 noon
			Coffee in Church	10.30am – 12 noon
			Service at Home Manor	2.30pm
			Finance Committee (Vicarage)	7.30pm
Thur	9	Nov	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			St Anthony's	morning
Sat	11	Nov	<i>REMEMBRANCE DAY</i>	
Sun	12	Nov	<b><u>REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY</u></b>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George)	8.00am
			<b>SUNG EUCHARIST</b> (Pres & Preacher: Fr Geoff)	9.30am
			Laying of wreath on War Memorial in Lady Chapel	
			Children's Church in Littlebury Hall	
			(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church)	1.00 – 5.00pm)
			Evening Prayer	6.00pm)

## NOTICES

HOW MUCH CAN WE RAISE on 25th at our Christmas Fair? £2,000.00? Who else can we invite? Who else can we bring along to have lunch? Where else can we put posters? What else can we do? Elizabeth and Gillian will be delighted to hear your ideas and suggestions!

EXTRAORDINARY PCC MEETING today, 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.

LAST SUNDAY'S BRING-&-BUY SALE raised £64 for church funds. Many thanks.

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.