



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT
4 February 2018

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: 474, words inside, inside and 267

Setting: Thorne

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

Evening Prayer at 6.00pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Parish of Southill in our Diocese.

The Anglican Church of Burundi, Martin Nyaboho its Archbishop, and all its people.

Christians forced from their homes in Syria.

The World: Frail and elderly people needing care.

Christian Aid's work with poor farmers in Angola.

Remembrance of the Holocaust.

The Community and Parish:.. Residents and Staff at River Court and St Anthony's.

Watford Interfaith Association.

The RAF Association.

The Ill and the Housebound: Especially Christopher Bilson, Peter Coley, Marion Craddock-Jones, Kate Dickinson, Audrey Dixon, Cynthia Dixon, Sister Dominic, Claire Dunning, Jemima Hill, Peter Hinchey, Blossom Hutchinson, 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:

Collect

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever.

Reading: Colossians 2: 2-7

I want your hearts to be encouraged and united in love, so that you may have all the riches of assured understanding and have the knowledge of God's mystery, that is, Christ himself, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

I am saying this so that no one may deceive you with plausible arguments. For though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, and I rejoice to see your morale and the firmness of your faith in Christ.

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

This is the word of the Lord.

GOSPEL John 1.1-14

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

- 1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- 2 He was in the beginning with God.
- 3 All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life,
- 4 and the life was the light of all people.
- 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.
- 6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.
- 7 He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him.
- 8 He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.
- 9 The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

- 10 He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him.
- 11 He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him.
- 12 But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God,
- 13 who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.
- 14 And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Hymn 2:	Hymn 3:
<p>Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am God.</p> <p>I am the Lord that healeth thee. I am the Lord that healeth thee. I am the Lord that healeth thee.</p> <p>In thee, O Lord, I put my trust. In thee, O Lord, I put my trust. In thee, O Lord, I put my trust.</p>	<p>Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all, healing pain and sickness, blessing children small; washing tired feet, and saving those who fall, Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all</p> <p>Take my hands, Lord Jesus, let them work for you; make them strong and gentle kind in all I do; let me watch you Jesus, till I'm gentle too, till my hands are kind hands, quick to work for you.</p>

THIS WEEK

Mon	5	Feb	Toddlers' Group	10 – 11.30am
			Discovering the Bible (Choir Vestry)	2.30pm
			Stewardship Meeting (Choir Vestry)	8.00pm
Tue	6	Feb	Service at River Court	2.30pm
Wed	7	Feb	Food Bank	10.00am – 12 noon
			Coffee in Church	10.30am – 12 noon
Thur	8	Feb	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			Service at St Anthony's	11.00am
Sun	11	Feb	<u>SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT</u>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST (Pres & Preacher: Fr George)	9.30am
			Children's Church in Littlebury Hall	
			(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church)	1.00 – 8.00pm

NOTICES

THERE WILL BE LENT GROUPS on Monday afternoons in Lent at 2.30 pm, jointly led by Fr Geoff and the Revd Ruth Reynolds-Tyson, using the course "On the Third Day", by Bishop John Pritchard (York Courses), and taking place at Trinity Methodist Church. There is a sign-up list at the back of Church. An evening group can take place if enough people request one.

SWORD SUBSCRIPTIONS for 2018 are now due. Valerie Alvarez has kindly agreed to collect subscriptions for the coming year. The cost of Sword is 60p per month. If you pay for the year in advance an annual subscription for 12 issues will be £6.00, thus giving you 12 issues for the price of 10!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Ash Wednesday 14 February
 Said Service at 10 am
 Sung Service at 7.30 pm

The Lent Lunch will be on the 24th February.