



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

ALL SAINTS
4 November 2018

A warm welcome to our services today.

There is our monthly “First Sunday of the Month Service” at 9.30 am. Fr Geoff celebrates and there will be an All-age Presentation.

Hymns: 232, 213, 233 and Leaflet “Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones”

Setting: Thorne

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

ALL SOULS EUCHARIST at 6.00 pm (including reading of the Chantry List).

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Parish of Shenley in our Diocese.

The Church of Ceylon.

The Anglican Church in Malaysia.

The World: Jewish Communities in Pittsburgh and across the world

Thanksgiving for the acquittal of Asia Bibi in Pakistan.

Christians under threat in Pakistan.

The Community and Parish: All those considering confirmation preparation.

Our Church’s work in mission.

All who work with our Church finances.

The Ill and the Housebound: Especially Christopher Bilson, Fr John Brown,

Marion Craddock-Jones, Kate Dickinson, Audrey Dixon, Cynthia

Dixon, Claire Dunning, Fr Robert Featherstone, Jemima Hill,

Peter Hinchey, Michael Jennings, Lionel Jones, Mary Kearns,

Lesley Kinch, Loretta Lynch, Craig McKay, Lisa Mills, Sylvia

Obeng, Dorcas Ochola, Christina Simon, Mark Simon, Norma

Stone, Baby Adelaide Tonkin, Peter White; and all who care for

them.

The Departed:

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.

READING Revelation 21: 3-7

A reading from the book of Revelation.

³ I heard a loud voice speaking from the throne: "Now God's home is with people! He will live with them, and they shall be his people. God himself will be with them, and he will be their God.

⁴ He will wipe away all tears from their eyes. There will be no more death, no more grief or crying or pain. The old things have disappeared."

⁵ Then the one who sits on the throne said, "And now I make all things new!" He also said to me, "Write this, because these words are true and can be trusted."

⁶ And he said, "It is done! I am the first and the last, the beginning and the end. To anyone who is thirsty I will give the right to drink from the spring of the water of life without paying for it.

⁷ Those who win the victory will receive this from me: I will be their God, and they will be my children.

This is the word of the Lord.

GOSPEL John 11.32–44

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

³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, ‘Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.’

³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved.

³⁴ He said, ‘Where have you laid him?’ They said to him, ‘Lord, come and see.’

³⁵ Jesus began to weep.

³⁶ So the Jews said, ‘See how he loved him!’

³⁷ But some of them said, ‘Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?’

³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it.

³⁹ Jesus said, ‘Take away the stone.’ Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, ‘Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.’

⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, ‘Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?’

⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, ‘Father, I thank you for having heard me.

⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.’

⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, ‘Lazarus, come out!’

⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, ‘Unbind him, and let him go.’

THIS WEEK

Mon	5	Nov	Toddlers' Group	10.00 – 11.30am
Tue	6	Nov	Service at River Court	2.30pm
Wed	7	Nov	Food Bank	10.00am – 12 noon
			Coffee in Church	10.30am – 12 noon
			GSS Service in church	8.00pm
Thur	8	Nov	Holy Communion	10.00am
			St Anthony's	11.00am
			Finance Committee	7.30pm
Fri	9	Nov	(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church	2.00pm - 11.00pm)
Sat	10	Nov	(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church	7.30am - 11.00pm)
Sun	11	Nov	<u>REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY</u>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST (President & Preacher: Fr Geoff)	9.30am
			Children's Church in Littlebury Hall	
			Act of Remembrance at War Memorial Cross	11.00am
			(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church	1.00 – 5.00pm)
			Evening Prayer	6.00pm

NOTICES

THERE WILL BE A SHORT MEETING after the 9.30am Eucharist today, 4th November, for all children, families and adults interested in confirmation, to discuss arrangements for preparation.

ALL SOULS EUCHARIST tonight at 6 pm including reading of the Chantry List.

ON THE 11th NOVEMBER, after our Parish Eucharist, there will be an act of remembrance at the War Memorial Cross at 11.00am, with wreath laying and silence. All are welcome to this, whether or not they have been to Church first.

INTERFAITH PILGRIMAGE on Sunday 18th November starting at 12 noon at Watford and District Synagogue and visiting 6 places of worship around Watford. All welcome from any or no faith and every age and ability. See leaflets at back of church.

ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS CHRISTMAS EVENING, Thursday 13 December 6.30pm at West Herts College Restaurant. All-inclusive price £18. Bookings & menu contact martin.matthews5@virgin.net or in person. Very few places remaining. Closing date for bookings today, Sunday 4th November.

LIVE COUNTRY MUSIC SUNG BY RON RYALL WITH A TABLE QUIZ AND BUFFET: At St Michael's on Saturday 24th November from 7.30 pm. Tickets £10 from Jamie or Holly Wareham. (Bring your own drinks.) Final date to purchase tickets is 18th November.

CHRISTMAS FAIR: This will be held on 1 December 2018. There are lists at the back of the church asking for volunteers to run stalls, help run stalls, help with lunches, setting up and clearing up. Please sign if you can help in any way.

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