



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

**SECOND SUNDAY before ADVENT
18 November 2018**

Welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist Fr Geoff celebrates and there is a speaker from Christian Aid. Vicki Matthews leads the intercessions.

Hymns: 368, 471, 435 and 563

Setting: Thorne

Children's Church in Littlebury Hall.

Coffee and tea will be served in church after the 9.30 service – please stay on.

Evening Prayer at 6.00 pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The parish of St Andrew and St George in our Diocese.
The Diocese of Bermuda, Nicholas Dill its Bishop and all its People
The Work of Christian Aid.

The World: Victims of the California wildfires.
Sufferers from HIV/AIDS in Africa and elsewhere.
Protection of our communities from knife crime.

The Community and Parish: Forthcoming social events.
Our PCC members.
Celebration 2019.

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

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Daniel 12.1–3

A reading from the book of Daniel.

In the third year of King Cyrus a word was revealed to Daniel.

- 1 'At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book.
- 2 Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.
- 3 Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.'

SECOND READING Hebrews 10.11–14, 19–25

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

- 11 Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins.
- 12 But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, 'he sat down at the right hand of God,'
- 13 and since then has been waiting 'until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.'
- 14 For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.
- 19 Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus,
- 20 by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh),

21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God,
22 let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts
sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure
water.
23 Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he
who has promised is faithful.
24 And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds,
25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging
one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

GOSPEL Mark 13.1–8

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

1 As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, ‘Look,
Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!’
2 Then Jesus asked him, ‘Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone
will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.’
3 When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter,
James, John, and Andrew asked him privately,
4 ‘Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are
about to be accomplished?’
5 Then Jesus began to say to them, ‘Beware that no one leads you astray.
6 Many will come in my name and say, “I am he!” and they will lead many
astray.
7 When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this
must take place, but the end is still to come.
8 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will
be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the
beginning of the birth pangs.’

THIS WEEK

Mon	19	Nov	Toddlers' Group	10.00 – 11.30am
			Intercessory Prayer Group (Choir Vestry)	2.30pm
Tue	20	Nov	Estates Committee	2.00pm
Wed	21	Nov	Food Bank	10.00am – 12 noon
			Coffee in Church	10.30am – 12 noon
			PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL	7.25pm
Thur	22	Nov	Holy Communion	10.00am
Sat	24	Nov	Live Country Music (see Notices below)	7.30pm
Sun	25	Nov	<u>CHRIST THE KING</u>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST (President and preacher: Fr Geoff)	9.30am
			Children's Church in Littlebury Hall	
			Followed by a Bring-&-Buy Sale	
			Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church	1.00pm – 5.00pm
			Evening Prayer	6.00pm

NOTICES

INTERFAITH PILGRIMAGE today, 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.

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 today, 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, helping at stalls, and setting and clearing up. Please sign if you can help in any way. Help with catering also wanted – both preparing food and helping serve at the lunch. Raffle prizes would be very welcome.

CHRISTMAS FAIR TOMBOLA: Valerie O'Riordan and her trusty leprechaun, Brian, will be running the Tombola Stall again this year and would welcome any suitable prizes which may be given to Valerie or placed in the box marked Tombola at the back of the church. Thank you for your help. Valerie and Brian.