



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

CHRIST THE KING
25 November 2018

Welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist Fr Geoff celebrates and preaches. Valerie Alvarez leads the intercessions.

Hymns: 497, 589, 586 and 369

Setting: Thorne

Children's Church in Littlebury Hall.

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

(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church 1.00pm – 5.00pm)

Evening Prayer at 6.00 pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Parish of St Peter Bushey Heath in our Diocese.
The Lusitanian Church of Portugal, Jose Jorge de Pina Cabral,
Bishop, and all its people.
The Anglican Church in Zambia.

The World: All work to protect women from violence.
Peace in the Holy Land.
Safety on our Roads.

The Community and Parish: Our Christmas Fair.
Churches Together in Central South and West Watford.
Our Food Bank volunteers.

The Ill and the Housebound: Especially Christopher Bilson, Fr John Brown,
Marion Craddock-Jones, Audrey Dixon, Cynthia Dixon, Claire
Dunning, Fr Robert Featherstone, Jemima Hill, Peter Hinchey,
Michael Jennings, 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

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Daniel 7.9–10, 13–14

A reading from the book of Daniel.

- ⁹ As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire.
- ¹⁰ A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousand served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgement, and the books were opened.
- ¹³ As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him.
- ¹⁴ To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

SECOND READING Revelation 1.4b–8

A reading from the book of Revelation.

- ⁴ Grace to you and peace from God who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne,
- ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood,
- ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.
- ⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.
- ⁸ 'I am the Alpha and the Omega,' says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

GOSPEL John 18.33b–37

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

- ³³ Pilate asked Jesus, 'Are you the King of the Jews?'
- ³⁴ Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?'
- ³⁵ Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?'
- ³⁶ Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.'
- ³⁷ Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

THIS WEEK

Mon	26	Nov	Toddlers' Group	10.00 – 11.30am
Wed	28	Nov	Organ Tuning	9.30am
			Food Bank	10.00am – 12 noon
			Coffee in Church	10.30am – 12 noon
Thur	29	Nov	Holy Communion	10.00am
Sat	1	Dec	CHRISTMAS FAIR	11.30am – 2.30pm
Sun	2	Dec	<u>CHRIST THE KING</u>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff)	8.00am
			FIRST SUNDAY of MONTH SUNG EUCHARIST	9.30am
			(President: Fr Geoff; All-Age Presentation)	
			Followed by refreshments	
			Evening Prayer	6.00pm

NOTICES

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.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS BOOKLET: Time is getting very short for submitting your messages for this (final date is Friday 7 December). Please could you fill in a form at the back of church or email victoria.matthews@virgin.net, giving your message for the Christmas booklet as soon as possible, if you wish to contribute.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 5 December, 10.30 – 12 noon, Christmas Coffee Morning with Bring-&-Buy Sale. All proceeds to Christingle.

Saturday 8 December at 7.30pm – Concert by South Oxhey Choir

Thursday 13 December at 6.30pm – St Michael’s Christmas Dinner (Fully booked)

Sunday 16 December at 6.00pm – Carol Service

Sunday 30 December at 7.30pm – Watford Youth Sinfonia concert