



# THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

*St Michael and All Angels*

Watford

**FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE LENT  
10 February 2019**

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist Fr George celebrates and preaches. Mark Simon leads the intercessions.

**Hymns: 523, 392, 411 and 470**

**Setting: Thorne**

Children's Church in Littlebury Hall.

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

(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church 1.00 – 7.00 pm)

Evening Prayer (Littlebury Hall) at 6.00 pm.

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

### **The Church:**

The Parish of Woburn Sands in our Diocese.

The Anglican Church of Canada, Frederick Hiltz its Primate, and all its people.

USPG-supported community programmes of the Anglican Church of Malawi.

### **The World:**

Victims of recent fires.

Church Army's work in deprived areas of Blackpool.

Christian Aid's work with small-scale farmers in Zambia.

### **The Community and Parish:**

Residents and Staff at Chase Care Centre, Home Manor and St Anthony's.

The Multicultural Community Centre.

West Watford Community Association.

### **The Ill and the Housebound:**

Especially Christopher Bilson, Fr John Brown, Juliette Cottam, Marion Craddock-Jones, Audrey Dixon, Cynthia Dixon, Claire Dunning, Fr Robert Featherstone, Jemima Hill, Peter Hinchey, Mary Kearns, Lesley Kinch, Loretta Lynch, Craig McKay, Lisa Mills, Sylvia Obeng, Dorcas Ochola, Martin Ranson, Christina Simon, Mark Simon, Malcolm Talbot, Baby Adelaide Tonkin, Peter White; and all who care for them.

### **The Departed:**

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**Collect**

O God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; 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 Isaiah 6.1–8**

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

- <sup>1</sup> In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple.
- <sup>2</sup> Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew.
- <sup>3</sup> And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.'
- <sup>4</sup> The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke.
- <sup>5</sup> And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!'
- <sup>6</sup> Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs.
- <sup>7</sup> The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.'
- <sup>8</sup> Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

**SECOND READING I Corinthians 15.1–11**

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

- <sup>1</sup> I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand,
- <sup>2</sup> through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you – unless you have come to believe in vain.
- <sup>3</sup> For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures,

4 and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance  
with the scriptures,  
5 and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.  
6 Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time,  
most of whom are still alive, though some have died.  
7 Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.  
8 Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me.  
9 For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I  
persecuted the church of God.  
10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not  
been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them – though it  
was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.  
11 Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to  
believe.

## **GOSPEL Luke 5.1-11**

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

1 While Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was  
pressing in on him to hear the word of God,  
2 he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of  
them and were washing their nets.  
3 He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to  
put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds  
from the boat.  
4 When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, ‘Put out into the deep water  
and let down your nets for a catch.’  
5 Simon answered, ‘Master, we have worked all night long but have caught  
nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.’  
6 When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were  
beginning to break.  
7 So they signalled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And  
they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink.  
8 But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, ‘Go away  
from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!’  
9 For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they  
had taken;  
10 and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with  
Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, ‘Do not be afraid; from now on you will be  
catching people.’  
11 When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed  
Jesus.

## THIS WEEK

Mon	11	Feb	Toddlers' Group	10.00 – 11.30am
Wed	13	Feb	Food Bank	10.00am – 12 noon
			Coffee in Church	10.30am – 12 noon
			Service at Home Manor	2.30pm
Thur	14	Feb	Holy Communion	10.00am
			St Anthony's	morning
Sat	16	Feb	Quiet Day at Bedmond (See Notices)	
Sun	17	Feb	<b><u>THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT</u></b>	
			Holy Communion	8.00am
			<b>SUNG EUCHARIST (Pres and preacher: Fr Geoff)</b>	<b>9.30am</b>
			Evening Prayer	6.00pm

## NOTICES

THERE WILL BE A QUIET DAY, in preparation for Lent, on Saturday 16th February, 10.00am – 4.00pm. It will take place at the Church of the Ascension, Bedmond.

There is a sign – up list and more information at the back of Church

LENT GROUPS will take place on Mondays 11th, 18th, 25th March, 1st and 8th April, at 2.30 pm in the Choir Vestry. The subject is Prayer, the Bible and Daily Life. Please sign up on the list at the back of Church. If you would like there to be an evening group, let Fr Geoff know

SWORD. Please note that subscriptions for 2019 are now due. These should be paid to Valerie Alvarez. The cost is £7.50 for the year, ie 12 copies for the price of 10.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Ash Wednesday 6 March: Services at 10 am and 8 pm, both with Imposition of Ashes.

Lent Lunch 23 March: Sale at 11.am; Lunch of homemade soup and bread and cheese from 12 noon to 1.30 pm. Proceeds to mission.

Mothering Sunday 31 March: Service at 9.30 am.

Annual Meetings: Wednesday 24 April, 7 pm