



# THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

*St Michael and All Angels*

Watford

**LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY  
Memorial Service  
27 October 2019**

A warm welcome to our services today.

The 9.30 am Sung Eucharist is a Memorial Service in which we remember the departed and give thanks for their lives; there is a special service booklet for this including the hymns; Fr Geoff celebrates and preaches and Sarah Dunning leads the intercessions. The names of the recently departed will be read and candles lit.

**Hymns: 507, 383, 411 and 160**

**Setting: Thorne**

Children's Church in Littlebury Hall.

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

(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church 1.00pm – 5.00pm)

Evening Prayer is at 6.00 pm.

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

**The Church:** The Parish of Aldenham in our Diocese.  
The Church of Ceylon, its Bishops and People.  
The Church in Barbados in the Province of the West Indies.

**The World:** All who work in bereavement counselling.  
The work of funeral directors.  
Island communities of Tonga, Fiji and Samoa vulnerable to rising sea levels.

**The Community and Parish:** All those who have come to remember loved ones today.  
The Peace Hospice.

The members of our Church Finance Committee.

**The Ill and the Housebound:** Especially Christopher Bilson, Marion Craddock-Jones, Audrey Dixon, Cynthia Dixon, Claire Dunning, Fr Robert Featherstone, Jemima Hill, Peter Hinchey, Mary Kearns, Keith Levinson, Loretta Lynch, Craig McKay, Lisa Mills, Sylvia Obeng, Dorcas Ochola, Michelle Rodford, Christina Simon, Mark Simon, Baby Adelaide Tonkin, Peter White; and all who care for them.

**The Departed:** The 39 people found dead in a lorry container in Essex.

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**Collect**

O God, the maker and redeemer of all:  
grant us, with all the departed,  
the sure benefits of your Son's saving passion  
and glorious resurrection;  
that in the last day,  
when you gather all things up in Christ,  
we may with them enjoy the fullness of your promises;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**READING Wisdom of Solomon 3.1–5**

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

- <sup>1</sup> The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them.
- <sup>2</sup> In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster,
- <sup>3</sup> and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace.
- <sup>4</sup> For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality.
- <sup>5</sup> Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself.

## GOSPEL John 14.1–6a, 27

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

Jesus said to his disciples:

<sup>1</sup> 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me.

<sup>2</sup> In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?

<sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.

<sup>4</sup> And you know the way to the place where I am going.'

<sup>5</sup> Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?'

<sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life.

<sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.'



## **THIS WEEK**

Mon	28	Oct	Toddlers' Group	10 – 11.30am
Wed	30	Oct	Food Bank and Coffee in Church	10.00am – 12 noon
			Finance Committee	7.30pm
Thu	31	Oct	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
Fri	1	Nov	All Saints' Day: Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church	5.00 – 11pm
Sat	2	Nov	All Souls' Day: Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church	All day
Sun	3	Nov	<b><u>ALL SAINTS SUNDAY</u></b>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff)	8.00am
			<b>FIRST SUNDAY of MONTH SUNG EUCHARIST</b>	<b>9.30am</b>
			(President: Fr Geoff; All-Age Presentation)	
			Followed by refreshments	
			All Souls Eucharist including reading of the Chantry List	6.00pm

## **NOTICES**

St MICHAEL'S CHRISTMAS MEAL at West Herts College Restaurant will be held this year on Tuesday 10th December at 6.30pm. The price is unchanged at £18 and includes a 3-course meal and a glass of Prosecco. There are only four places remaining. Payment and menu choices please by today 27th October to Martin Matthews.

LIVE COUNTRY MUSIC SUNG BY RON RYALL WITH A TABLE QUIZ AND BUFFET: At St Michael's on Saturday 9th November from 7.30 pm. Tickets £10 from Jamie or Holly Wareham. (Bring your own drinks.) Final date to purchase tickets is 3rd November.

SATURDAY 16th NOVEMBER (11.30am – 2.30pm) is the CHRISTMAS FAIR Sign-up sheets are at the back of church for help on the day and for setting up on Friday 15th morning and afternoon. There is also a list for donations of food items for the lunches.

We would also appreciate donations for raffle prizes, tombola and bottles of wine for stalls. In addition, we plan to have a bottle stall which can be any type of bottle so all donations welcome – the more obscure the better! Donations of wine bags would also be very welcome.

There are boxes on the bier to receive all donations - by 10th November if possible, please.

FINAL COPY DATE for November Sword is today Sunday, 27 October. Hard copy to Rob White or email to [swordparishmagazine@googlemail.com](mailto:swordparishmagazine@googlemail.com)