



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
3 November 2019

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, 589, 380 and 546

Setting: Thorne

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

All Souls Eucharist including reading of the Chantry List is at 6.00 pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: Retired clergy in our Diocese.

The Church of Bermuda, Nicholas Dill its Bishop and all its people.

Church Army’s Kings Lynn Centre of Mission.

The World: All whose lives have been affected by tsunamis.

The Church of Bangladesh’s Social Outreach Programme.

Candidates and voters in the forthcoming UK election.

The Community and Parish: All former worshippers of our Church.

Churches dedicated to All Saints.

Our young people about to begin confirmation preparation.

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: Jean Weeks.

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: Hebrews 12: 1-2 (Good News Version)

As for us, we have this large crowd of witnesses around us. So then, let us rid ourselves of everything that gets in the way, and of the sin which holds on to us so tightly, and let us run with determination the race that lies before us.

Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, on whom our faith depends from beginning to end. He did not give up because of the cross! On the contrary, because of the joy that was waiting for him, he thought nothing of the disgrace of dying on the cross, and he is now seated at the right side of God's throne.

This is the Word of the Lord

GOSPEL Luke 6.20–31

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

- 20 Jesus looked up at his disciples and said: ‘Blessed are you who are
poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.
- 21 Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed
are you who weep now, for you will laugh.
- 22 Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you,
revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man.
- 23 Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in
heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.
- 24 But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your
consolation.
- 25 Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you
who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.
- 26 Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their
ancestors did to the false prophets.
- 27 But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those
who hate you,
- 28 bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.
- 29 If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from
anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt.
- 30 Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your
goods, do not ask for them again.
- 31 Do to others as you would have them do to you.’
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THIS WEEK

Mon	4	Nov	Toddlers' Group	10 – 11.30am
Tue	5	Nov	Service at River Court	2.30pm
Wed	6	Nov	Food Bank and Coffee in Church	10.00am – 12 noon
Thu	7	Nov	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
Sun	10	Nov	<u>REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY</u>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST (President & Preacher: Fr Geoff)	9.30am
			Children's Church in Littlebury Hall	
			Act of remembrance at the War Memorial Cross	11.00 am
			(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church)	1.00 – 5.00pm)
			Evening Prayer	6.00pm

NOTICES

EVERYONE IS INVITED to stay on after the 9.30 service to celebrate an important birthday for Dennis Beach with cake, nibbles and wine.

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 today, 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 to clear chairs and prepare tables; and afternoon from 2 onwards to set-up stalls. 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. Don't forget to come on to the Fair and enjoy yourself.

INTERFAITH PILGRIMAGE: Sunday 17th November. Starting at Watford and District Synagogue at 12.00 and calling at Central Mosque, St Mary's Church, Al-Zahra Centre, Holy Rood Catholic Church, and finishing at Sri Guru Singh Sabha Gurdwara at about 5pm.

RADIATORS: Now that the radiators are on again for the Autumn/Winter season, could everyone try to keep them clear of tables, chairs etc. Items in front really block the heat from getting into the church. The cost of running the heating is considerable and we mustn't waste it up to the high ceilings.