



# THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

*St Michael and All Angels*

Watford

**THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT  
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY  
10 November 2019**

A warm welcome to our services.

At the 9.30 am Sung Eucharist Fr Geoff celebrates and preaches. Phil Gough leads the intercessions.

**Hymns: 537, 427, 413 and 494**

**Setting: Thorne**

Children's Church in Littlebury Hall.

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

Act of remembrance at the War Memorial Cross at 11.00 am.

(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church 1.00 – 5.00 pm)

Evening Prayer at 6.00 pm.

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

**The Church:** The Parish of St Paul, St Albans.  
The Lusitanian Church (Portugal), Jorge Pina Gabral its Bishop  
and all its People.  
Armed Forces Chaplains.

**The World:** World Peace, and those responsible for seeking it.  
People serving in our Armed Forces.  
All those disabled or bereaved through military service.

**The Community and Parish:** Local ex-service associations.  
Staff and residents at the Chase Care Centre.  
Our Christmas Fair.

**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:**

**COLLECT**

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the king of all:  
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**FIRST READING Job 19.23–27a**

A reading from the book of Job.

Job said to his companions:

- <sup>23</sup> ‘O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book!  
<sup>24</sup> O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock for ever!  
<sup>25</sup> For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth;  
<sup>26</sup> and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God,  
<sup>27</sup> whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.’

**SECOND READING 2 Thessalonians 2.1–5, 13–17**

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

- <sup>1</sup> As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters,  
<sup>2</sup> not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here.  
<sup>3</sup> Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction.  
<sup>4</sup> He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God.

- 5 Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?
- 13 But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth.
- 14 For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- 15 So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.
- 16 Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope,
- 17 comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

## **GOSPEL Luke 20.27–38**

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

- 27 Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus, and asked him a question,
- 28 ‘Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother.
- 29 Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless;
- 30 then the second
- 31 and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless.
- 32 Finally the woman also died.
- 33 In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.’
- 34 Jesus said to them, ‘Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage;
- 35 but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage.
- 36 Indeed they cannot die any more, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection.
- 37 And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.
- 38 Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.’

## **THIS WEEK**

Mon	11	Nov	Toddlers' Group	10 – 11.30am
Tue	12	Nov	Ascot Road Free School	10.00am – 3.00pm
Wed	13	Nov	Food Bank and Coffee in Church	10.00am – 12 noon
			Service at Home Manor	2.30pm
Thu	14	Nov	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			Communion at St Anthony's	11.00am
Fri	15	Nov	Set up for Christmas Fair	
Sat	16	Nov	<b>CHRISTMAS FAIR</b> (See Notices)	11.30am – 2.30pm
Sun	17	Nov	<b><u>2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY before ADVENT</u></b>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST (President & Preacher: Fr Geoff)	9.30am
			Children's Church in Littlebury Hall	
			Interfaith Pilgrimage (see Notices)	from 12 noon
			NO Evening Prayer	

## **NOTICES**

**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 pier to receive all donations. Don't forget to come 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.