



# THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

*St Michael and All Angels*

Watford

**LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY  
Memorial Service  
28 October 2018**

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; Fr Geoff celebrates and preaches and Violet Allen-Smith leads the intercessions. The names of the recently departed will be read and candles lit.

**Hymns: 507, 383, 411 and 160 (All in service booklet)**

**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- 5.00pm)

Evening Prayer at 6.00 pm.

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

**The Church:** The Parish of Bricket Wood in our Diocese.  
The Church in the Province of the West Indies.  
The Anglican Church in Myanmar.

**The World:** People who have been recently bereaved.  
All who work in bereavement counselling and provide help.  
All who help with funeral arrangements.

**The Community and Parish:** All who are remembering loved ones today.  
Those not able to attend today.  
Healing and peace for bereaved people.

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

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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 14.1–6, 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. No one comes to the Father except through me.
- <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	29	Oct	Toddlers' Group	10.00 – 11.30am
Wed	31	Oct	Food Bank	10.00am – 12 noon
			Coffee in Church	10.30am – 12 noon
Thur	1	Nov	Holy Communion	10.00am
Sat	3	Nov	(RSCM exams	8.30am)
Sun	4	Nov	<b><u>All Saints</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**

**THERE WILL BE A SHORT MEETING** after the 9.30am Eucharist next Sunday, 4th November, for all children, families and adults interested in confirmation, to discuss arrangements for preparation.

**ALL SOULS EUCHARIST:** This will be at 6 pm on Sunday, 4 November, and will include the reading of the Chantry List

**ON THE 11<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER,** after our Parish Eucharist, there will be an act of remembrance at the War Memorial Cross at 11.00am, with wreath laying and silence. All are welcome to this, whether or not they have been to Church first.

**LAST SUNDAY'S BRING-&-BUY** raised £38 for church funds. Many thanks.

**ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS CHRISTMAS EVENING,** Thursday 13 December 6.30pm at West Herts College Restaurant. Bucks Fizz on arrival, three course meal, coffee & mince pie finish. All-inclusive price £18, followed by a raffle in aid of Crisis At Christmas. Bookings & menu contact martin.matthews5@virgin.net or in person. Very few places remaining. Closing date for bookings Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

**LIVE COUNTRY MUSIC SUNG BY RON RYALL WITH A TABLE QUIZ AND BUFFET:** At St Michael's on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November from 7.30 pm. Tickets £10 from Jamie or Holly Wareham. (Bring your own drinks.) Final date to purchase tickets is 18<sup>th</sup> November.

**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, help run stalls, help with lunches, setting up and clearing up. Please sign if you can help in any way.