



# THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

*St Michael and All Angels*

Watford

## MEMORIAL SERVICE

Fourth Sunday before Advent

Sunday 4 November 2007

A warm welcome to our services today.

The 9.30 am 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 John celebrates, Violet Allen-Smith preaches and Pam Hart leads the intercessions. A crèche is available.

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

**Setting: Aston**

Sunday School meets in Littlebury Hall at 9.30 am.

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

There is a United Evening Service at St Michaels at 6.30pm.

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

**The Church:** Rowan, Archbishop of Canterbury and John, Archbishop of York.  
The Korean Mission Partnership.

The Royal School of Church Music.

**The World:** Peace in Iraq, Afghanistan, Darfur and Burma.

Claire Ward, our MP.

All who work in local government.

**The Community and Parish:** The staff of West Herts Crematorium.

God's blessing on our efforts at the Christmas Fair.

**The Ill and the Housebound:** Especially Ray Angles, Monica Batt, Ellen Benoy,

John Burn, Marjorie Carlisle, Jennifer Coley, Bill Craddock-Jones,

Jean Crouch, Ifagaani Desiderio, June Dickinson, Kate Dickinson,

Jocelyn Harewood, Jenny Houghton, Mary Kearns, Loretta Lynch,

Maggie Maguire, Stella Meager, Eva Portas, Myrtle Powell, Ann

Reed, Gladys Robertson, Maureen Swann, June Tatnall, Bill

Widdowson, Anne Wightman and Maureen Williams.

Thank God for the improvement in health of David Simon.

**The Departed:** All those associated with this church and parish who have died in the last twelve months.

Christopher Moxon (aged 42), Croxley View.

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## THE 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.

## FIRST READING Revelation 21.1-7

A reading from the book of Revelation.

- <sup>1</sup> I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.
- <sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.
- <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them;
- <sup>4</sup> he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.'
- <sup>5</sup> And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.'
- <sup>6</sup> Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.'
- <sup>7</sup> Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.'

## **GOSPEL John 20.11-18**

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

- <sup>11</sup> Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb;
- <sup>12</sup> and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet.
- <sup>13</sup> They said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping?’ She said to them, ‘They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.’
- <sup>14</sup> When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus.
- <sup>15</sup> Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?’ Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, ‘Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.’
- <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, ‘Mary!’ She turned and said to him in Hebrew, ‘Rabbouni!’ which means Teacher.
- <sup>17</sup> Jesus said to her, ‘Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, “I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.”’
- <sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, ‘I have seen the Lord’; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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THE NEXT BIBLE STUDY is on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 8 pm.

We will study the Acts of the Apostles 3 v 1. All welcome.

## THIS WEEK

Mon	5	Nov	Toddlers' Group	10.00 – 11.30am
Wed	7	Nov	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
			Bring-&-Share Lunch	12.30pm
Thu	8	Nov	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			St Anthony's	morning
			Kids' Club	3.30–5.00pm
			Choir Practice	7.00-8.30pm
Fir	9	Nov	Set-up for Christmas Fair	afternoon and evening
Sat	10	Nov	<b>CHRISTMAS FAIR (in Church &amp; Hall)</b>	<b>11.00am – 2.30pm</b>
			RSCM Examinations in Choir Vestry	from 9.00am
Sun	11	Nov	<b><u>REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY (Third before Advent)</u></b>	
			Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	8.00am
			<b>SUNG EUCHARIST</b> (Crèche available)	9.30am
			11.15 Service of Thanksgiving and Praise	11.15am
			River Court Service	3.00pm
			Evensong in Lady Chapel	6.30pm

## NOTICES

**CHRISTMAS FAIR:** Next Saturday, 10 November 2007 in church and hall from 11.am – 2.30 pm. Look through your cupboards for saleable items – prizes, books, preserves, gifts, bric-a-brac etc; tell your friends, display the posters, put handbills through doors. Cakes, bread, jams, groceries most welcome. Treat yourself to lunch in the Littlebury Hall. Please sign the list at the back of the church if you are able to help with the set up from 2.30 on Friday afternoon. Car parking is available in Park Nursery in Park Avenue on the Saturday.

PLEASE SUPPORT ST MICHAEL'S CHRISTMAS FAIR. Thank you.

**LAST SUNDAY'S BRING-&-BUY** raised £60. Thank you. We also thank the Toddlers Group for £12 and the Wednesday coffee group for £28 all for church funds.

**BRING-&-SHARE LUNCH:** Please sign the list for Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November.

**THE PUBLICITY COMMITTEE** thank everyone for clearing the notice boards in church. If you are responsible for a display please think about getting some material (perhaps new?) and putting it on the appropriate board as soon as possible. We hope a lot of people will be coming into church between now and Christmas and we would like to show our church life to the full.

**PROGRAMME FOR ST MICHAEL'S 2007-08:** This is in process of being prepared. If you would like to see any church event included please see Sylvia Moring.

**WATFORD PHILHARMONIC** give their first concert this season at the Colosseum on 7 November at 7.30 pm. The programme includes 'The Armed Man', a Mass for Peace by Karl Jenkins and some Elgar. Further information from Valerie O'Riordan or on the handbills at the back of the church.