



# THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

*St Michael and All Angels*

Watford

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

Third Sunday before Advent

11 November 2007

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist, Fr John celebrates and preaches and Anne Eccleshall leads the intercessions. A crèche is available.

**Hymns: 537, 447, 384 and 429**

**Setting: Aston**

Coffee and tea will be served in church after the 9.30 service.

This is followed by the 11.15 Service of Thanksgiving and Praise – please stay on.

The monthly service at River Court is at 3.00 pm.

There is Evensong in the Lady Chapel at 6.30 pm.

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

**The Church:** The Church in Melanesia: James Ligo, Bishop of Vanuatu.  
All Chaplains to the Forces.

The work of the Royal British Legion.

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

The work of the United Nations Organisation.

For fair wages for those who make consumer goods in less developed countries.

**The Community and Parish:** We give thanks for opportunities to work together for the good of St Michael's and its future.

The staff and residents of River Court Nursing Home.

The residents of Outlook Place Women's Hostel.

**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.

**The Departed:** All those who have lost their lives in the wars of the twentieth century.

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**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:

- 23 'O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book!  
24 O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock for ever!  
25 For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth;  
26 and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God,  
27 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.

- 1 As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters,  
2 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.  
3 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.  
4 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.’

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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	12	Nov	Toddlers' Group	10.00 – 11.30am
			RSCM Gold Examinations (Choir Vestry)	1.00 – 3.30pm
			Service at The Chase Care Home	3.00pm
Tue	13	Nov	Youth & Education Committee (in Church)	8.00pm
Wed	14	Nov	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
Thu	15	Nov	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			Mother's Union meet afterwards in Choir Vestry	
			Kids' Club	3.30–5.00pm
			Choir Practice	7.00-8.30pm
Sat	17	Nov	<b>RADLETT CHORAL SOCIETY CONCERT</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>
			(Church in use <u>all day</u> for rehearsals)	
Sun	18	Nov	<b><u>SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT</u></b>	
			Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	8.00am
			<b>SUNG EUCHARIST</b> (Crèche available)	9.30am
			Sunday School in Littlebury Hall	9.30am
			Evensong in Lady Chapel	6.30pm

## NOTICES

CHRISTMAS FAIR: Thank you to everyone who worked for the Christmas Fair and also to everyone who came. There will probably be a few items left which will be available to purchase after the 9.30 service.

FINAL COPY DATE FOR THE DECEMBER SWORD is MIDDAY next Sunday, 18 November. Please submit copy before this time if possible. Hard copy, floppy disc or email to DENNIS.H.BEACH@sky.com. (Please note the early date)

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.

ADVENT WORKSHOP: This will be for young people on Saturday, 1 December, from 2-4 pm. If you would like to assist with one of the craft activities please see Jane Talbot (01923 226276).

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE: Please note that the Christingle Service this year will be at 11.15 am on Sunday, 9 December. All proceeds are in aid of The Children's Society. There will be a Bring-&-Buy sale on the previous Sunday (2 December) to raise money for the cost of the materials that make up the Christingles.

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.