



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

MEMORIAL SERVICE

ALL SOULS' DAY

2 November 2008

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; the Rev Gary Russell celebrates and preaches and Paul Jenkins leads the intercessions. A crèche is available.

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

Setting: Wilson

Tea and coffee will be served in church after the 9.30 service – please stay on.

Evensong in the Lady Chapel at 6.30pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: Episcopal Church of Cuba, Bishop of Cuba to be appointed; Nerva Aguilera; Ulises Prendes; Suffragan Bishops of Cuba. Churches Together in Baldock and the Baldock Team Ministry. The Royal School of Church Music.

The World: Peace in Iraq, Afghanistan and other troubled places. The American people as they approach election day for their new President.

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, Ellen Benoy, Mel Browne, John Burn, Marjorie Carlisle, Jennifer Coley, Bill Craddock-Jones, Jean Crouch, June Dickinson, Kate Dickinson, Simon Fowle, Jocelyn Harewood, Gladys Holloway, Jenny Houghton, Mary Kearns, Lesley Kinch, Loretta Lynch, Maggie Maguire, Stella Meager, Dorcas Ochola, Gaynor Osbourne, Myrtle Powell, Bryony Purse, Ann Reed, Gladys Robertson, Elaine Robinson, Maureen Swann, June Tatnall, Anne Wightman, and Maureen Williams.

The Departed: All those associated with this church and parish who have died in the last twelve months. Ifagaani Desiderio, Father of Hana Maddox, Grandfather of Angel. Violet Bell (aged 85), Caractacas Green.

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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 A Song of the Redeemer

Proclaim the time of the Lord's favour,
and comfort all who grieve.

- 1 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, *
because he has anointed me.
- 2 He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, *
to announce release from darkness for the prisoners,
- 3 To proclaim the time of the Lord's favour, *
and to comfort all who grieve,
- 4 To give them oil of gladness instead of mourners' tears, *
a garment of splendour for the heavy heart.
- 5 They will be called trees of righteousness, *
planted by the Lord for his praise.
- 6 For God shall make his righteousness and praise *
blossom before all the nations.
- 7 Buildings long in ruins will be rebuilt *
and the desolate cities restored.
- 8 And you shall be called the Redeemed of the Lord, *
a city no longer forsaken.

GOSPEL John 14.1–6, 27

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

Jesus said to his disciples:

- ¹ 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me.
- ² 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?
- ³ 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.
- ⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going.'
- ⁵ Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?'
- ⁶ Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.
- ²⁷ 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	3	Oct	Toddlers' Group	10.00 – 11.30am
Wed	5	Oct	Coffee in Church	10.30am - 12 noon
			Bring-&-Share Lunch	12.30pm
Thu	6	Oct	Holy Communion	10.00am
			Fairhaven (during morning)	
			Kids' Club	3.30 -5.00pm
			Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
Fri	7	Nov	Set-up for Christmas Fair	afternoon and evening
Sat	8	Nov	CHRISTMAS FAIR (Church and Hall)	11.0am – 2.30pm
			RSCM Examinations in Choir Vestry	from 9.00am
			(Bishop's Farewell Service at Abbey	2.30pm)
Sun	9	Nov	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY (Third before Advent)	
			SUNG EUCHARIST (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

8AM SUNDAY COMMUNION DURING VACANCY: The PCC has agreed that this will take place on the FIRST Sunday of the month only. There is an 8am service today, 2nd November when the Chantry List will be read.

CHRISTMAS CARDS: Church Christmas Cards produced from the same source as last year will be on sale after the 9.30 service. The price remains the same at 10 cards for £4.

CHRISTMAS FAIR: 8 November 2008. Please look at the red leaflet and see how you can help this year. There is a list on the signing-on table with suggestions for help. Please look at this and sign up if you possibly can. There are now posters to be displayed and handbills for friends and neighbours. Any items for sale can be given to Sylvia Moring or Norma Twitchin. We are very short of books and bric-a-brac to sell.

BRING-&-SHARE LUNCH: Please sign the list for Wednesday 5th November.

LAST SUNDAY'S BRING-&-BUY raised £49 for church funds. Many thanks.

SPONSORED BIKE 'N HIKE (13 Sep): Phil Gough is still collecting sponsor money so if you would like to support the Historic Churches Preservation Trust but didn't pledge beforehand, you can give your donations via Phil.

BIBLE STUDY: The next meeting of the Bible Study Group will be on Wednesday, 12 November 2008 at 8 pm in the Choir Vestry. We shall continue our study of 1 Samuel, commencing at Chapter 7.