



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

MEMORIAL SERVICE

ALL SAINTS' DAY

1 November 2009

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 Paul Jenkins leads the intercessions. A crèche is available and there is Sunday School.

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

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

There is Evening Prayer in the Lady Chapel at 6.30pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: Vincent Muoghereh, Bishop of Ughelli, Nigeria.
All churches named in honour of All Saints.
Christians elected as Councillors and MPs.

The World: Peace in Iraq, Afghanistan and other troubled places.
The Children's Society.

The Community and Parish: The "Eden" initiative in Watford Town Centre.
Churches together in Central, South and West Watford.

The Multicultural Community Centre and the Sure Start Centre.

The Ill and the Housebound: Especially Ray Angles, Ellen Benoy, Gunter Bouché, Christopher Browne, John Brown, Mel Browne, Marjorie Carlisle, Peter Coley, Bill Craddock-Jones, Marion Craddock-Jones, Jean Crouch, June Dickinson, Kate Dickinson, Jocelyn Harewood, Gladys Holloway, Jenny Houghton, Lionel Jones, Mary Kearns, Kate Kirwan, Loretta Lynch, Maggie Maguire, Stella Meager, Stella Nicholas, Dorcas Ochola, Gaynor Osbourne, Myrtle Powell, Bryony Purse, Ann Reed, Elaine Robinson, Maureen Swann, June Tatnall, Anne Wightman and Eric Wightman.

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,

FIRST READING Romans 5.5-11

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

- ⁵ Hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured
into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.
- ⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the
ungodly.
- ⁷ Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person – though
perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die.
- ⁸ But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners
Christ died for us.
- ⁹ Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood,
will we be saved through him from the wrath of God.
- ¹⁰ For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through
the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will
we be saved by his life.
- ¹¹ But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus
Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

GOSPEL John 6:37-40

Jesus said to the crowds:

- 37 “Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone
who comes to me I will never drive away;
38 for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the
will of him who sent me.
39 And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of
all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day.
40 This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and
believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the
last day.”



THIS WEEK

Mon	2	Nov	Toddlers' Group	10.00 – 11.30am
			All Souls – Service of Holy Communion	7.30pm
Wed	4	Nov	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
			Bring-and-Share Lunch	12.30 pm
			11.15 Planning meeting (Choir Vestry)	8.00pm
Thur	5	Nov	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			Fairhaven	morning
			Kids' Club	3.30 – 5.00pm
			Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
Sun	8	Nov	<u>REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY</u>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST: with crèche and Sunday School	9.30am
			(President and Preacher: Fr Geoff)	
			11.15 Service	11.15am
			Service at River Court	3.00pm
			Evening Prayer	6.30pm

NOTICES

CONFIRMATION: Fr Geoff is starting a group of people (all ages welcome). There is still time to be included in this. The first meeting is today at 4 pm. Please see Fr Geoff for details.

THE TELEPHONE at the Vicarage is now working and has the old telephone number of 01923 232460. Fr Geoff can also be contacted by email: geoffrey.calvert@yahoo.co.uk.

CHRISTMAS FAIR on Saturday, 14 November, from 11 am – 2.30 pm. This is an important occasion when we open the church doors to our neighbours and make new friends. It is also a time when we hope to raise some money to help pay our housekeeping bills. Please think how you can help. We need items to sell, people to run stalls, and food for the Littlebury lunches which, this year, will be led by Alison Makin. We look forward to hearing from you. Sylvia, Paul and Norma.

CHOIR VESTRY LOCK: This has been changed. Please see Paul or Sylvia if you need to have the new key.

BRING-&-SHARE LUNCH: Please sign the list for Wednesday 4th November.

EUROPEAN PRAYDAY FOR SCHOOLS 17th November 2009

The Watford Schools Trust is leading two prayer events on that day, 12.30–2.00 and 4.00–5.30, in the Urban Retreat at Presence, on the High Street. These are for:

- * Christians who work in schools;
- * students and children who study in school;
- * parents and anyone who is committed to education in schools.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY! wishes and prayers for Jocelyn and Freddy Harewood who are celebrating their 55th wedding anniversary today. Enjoy your wonderful day!