



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

8 November 2009

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist, Fr Geoff celebrates and preaches and Phil Gough leads the intercessions. A crèche is available and there is Sunday School.

Hymns: 537, 233, 384 and 355

Setting: White

Tea and coffee will be served in church after the 9.30 service and this is followed at 11.15 with our 11.15 service of Thanksgiving and Praise – please stay on.

The monthly service at River Court is at 3.00 pm.

The Confirmation Group will meet at 4 pm in the Vicarage.

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

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Archbishop of Canterbury.
The work of the Church for peace and justice.
Forces Chaplains.

The World: People with illness and disability through war and military service.
Families and friends of those killed in war and military service.
Members of our Armed Forces.

The Community and Parish: Members of the Royal British Legion and other ex-service organisations.
Those in our own community injured, disabled or bereaved through war and military service.

The Ill and the Housebound: Especially Ray Angles, Ellen Benoy, Gunter Bouché, Christopher Browne, John Brown, Marjorie Carlisle, Peter Coley, Bill Craddock-Jones, Marion Craddock-Jones, Jean Crouch, June Dickinson, Kate Dickinson, Jocelyn Harewood, Neil Hart, Gladys Holloway, Jenny Houghton, Lionel Jones, Mary Kearns, Kate Kirwan, Loretta Lynch, Maggie Maguire, 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: Stella Meager (widow of Fr Fred Meager)
Zoë Mayes, widow of Fr Len Mayes (Vicar of St Michael's 1969 to 1978)
Dorothy Humphreys, Homemanor.

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 Jonah 3.1–5, 10

A reading from the book of Jonah.

- ¹ The word of the LORD came to Jonah, saying,
² ‘Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.’
³ So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across.
⁴ Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, ‘Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!’
⁵ And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.
¹⁰ When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

SECOND READING Hebrews 9.24–28

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

- ²⁴ Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.
- ²⁵ Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own;
- ²⁶ for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself.
- ²⁷ And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgement,
- ²⁸ so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

GOSPEL Mark I.14–20

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

- ¹⁴ After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God,
- ¹⁵ and saying, ‘The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.’
- ¹⁶ As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake – for they were fishermen.
- ¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, ‘Follow me and I will make you fish for people.’
- ¹⁸ And immediately they left their nets and followed him.
- ¹⁹ As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets.
- ²⁰ Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

THIS WEEK

Mon	9	Nov	Toddlers' Group	10.00 – 11.30am
Tue	10	Nov	Bible Study (John), (Choir Vestry)	8.00pm
Wed	11	Nov	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
			Service at Home Manor	3.00pm
Thur	12	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
Fri	13	Nov	Set up for Christmas Fair	afternoon and evening
Sat	14	Nov	CHRISTMAS FAIR in church and hall	11.00am – 2.30pm
			RSCM Exams in Choir Vestry from	9.00 am
Sun	15	Nov	<u>SECOND SUNDAY before ADVENT</u>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST: with crèche and Sunday School (President and Preacher: Fr Geoff)	9.30am
			Confirmation Group (Vicarage)	4.00pm
			Evening Prayer	6.30pm

NOTICES

CHRISTMAS FAIR is next 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 will be led by Alison Makin. The church will be open from 2 pm on Friday for set up and to receive sale items.

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

Fr **JOHN** wishes very much to thank all who have sent him cards and messages after his diagnosis of cancer of the bladder in August. The cancer was quickly removed and he is having chemotherapy. Another operation will follow, probably in late November. Fr John is in good heart and has been told to expect a good outcome of treatment. In the meantime he feels fine in himself. Thank you all so much for your concern and prayers which he greatly appreciates.

24-HOUR SERMON introducing every book in the Bible; 14th - 15th November 7.30pm - 7.30pm, Drop in at any time and stay for as long as you wish. Raising money for a much needed Church Hall at St Thomas's Stopsley in Luton.

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.