



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

CHRIST THE KING

22 November 2009

A warm welcome to our services today.

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

Hymns: 165, 590, 372 and 563

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

(There are RSCM Exams in the Choir Vestry from 12 noon to 1.30 pm)

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

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

For your prayers this week:

The Church: Anglican-Roman Catholic Relations.
Christians in India, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka.
Overseas Dioceses twinned with St Albans.

The World: Reform of Government in Afghanistan.
Victims of Terrorist Attacks in Pakistan.
Those affected by the floods in Cumbria and Scotland.
Victims of Natural Disasters no Longer in the News.

The Community and Parish: Asian Christians in our Community.

Our Advent Workshops.
Those Preparing for Marriage.

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: Gill Stanley (63) Knutsford Avenue.

Collect

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Daniel 7.9–10, 13–14

A reading from the book of Daniel.

⁹ As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰ A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousand served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgement, and the books were opened.

¹³ As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him.

¹⁴ To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

SECOND READING Revelation 1.4b–8

A reading from the book of Revelation.

⁴ Grace to you and peace from God who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne,

⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood,

⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ 'I am the Alpha and the Omega,' says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

GOSPEL John 18.33b-37

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

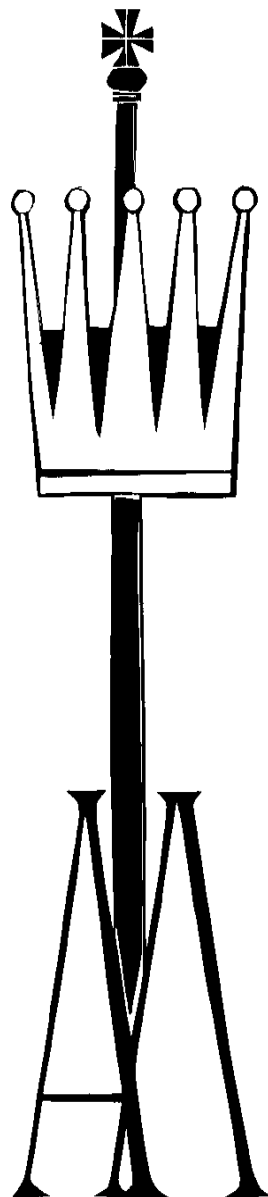
³³ Pilate asked Jesus, 'Are you the King of the Jews?'

³⁴ Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?'

³⁵ Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?'

³⁶ Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.'

³⁷ Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'



THIS WEEK

Mon	23	Nov	Toddlers' Group	10.00 – 11.30am
			Worship Committee (Choir Vestry)	8.00pm
Tue	24	Nov	Intercessory Prayer Group	2.30pm
Wed	25	Nov	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
			Pause (23 Whippendell Road)	7.30pm
Thur	26	Nov	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			Kids' Club	3.30 – 5.00pm
			Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
Sat	28	Nov	Advent Workshop (in church)	10 – 12 noon
			Wedding	4.00 pm
Sun	29	Nov	<u>ADVENT SUNDAY</u>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST: with crèche and Sunday School	9.30am
			(President: Fr George; Preacher: Violet)	
			followed by a bring-and-buy sale	
			Confirmation Group (Vicarage)	4.00pm
			Evening Prayer	6.30pm

NOTICES

CHRISTMAS FAIR: Thank you very much to everyone who worked hard to make the Fair a success and to those who supported our efforts. We raised just over £1250.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS: If you would like to send your Christmas greetings to friends at St Michael's via the little booklet of greetings being prepared please see the information on the table at the West Door. Either complete or take home a form from the envelope marked "Blank Forms" and then put it in the "Completed Forms" envelope (by 6 December) making a donation in the box provided or if possible using a Gift Aid envelope.

PARISH CHRISTMAS CARD: This is being printed and a list of the roads which we are asked to deliver is on the signings table. Please sign up to deliver some of these cards and thus give our greetings and information about our services to our neighbours in West Watford. West Watford Free Church and Trinity Methodist are also delivering some of the cards in the area.

BRING-AND-SHARE LUNCH will be on Wednesday, 2 December 2009 at 12.30 pm. Please sign the list on the signings table if you hope to come.

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.

FINAL COPY DATE FOR DECEMBER SWORD is MIDDAY today Sunday, 22 November. Hard copy or floppy disc to Dennis Beach or email to dhbeach@sky.com.