



# THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

*St Michael and All Angels*

Watford

**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**

31 October 2010

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Sung Eucharist, Fr George celebrates and preaches and Graham Mordue leads the intercessions. A crèche is available and there is Sunday School.

**Hymns: 229, 222, 232 and 227**

**Setting: Wilson**

Tea and coffee will be served in church after the 9.30 service and there will be a Bring-Buy-Sale – please stay on.

Evening Prayer in the Lady Chapel at 6.00pm.

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

**The Church:** The Church of Ceylon, and Duleep de Chickera and Kumara Illasinghi, its Bishops.

The work of USPG in clergy training in Swaziland.

Thursday's discussion in Watford Deanery on women bishops.

**The World:** People involved in industrial disputes.

Our armed forces personnel serving in Afghanistan.

The fight against HIV/AIDS.

All who died and everyone affected by the tsunami in Indonesia.

**The Community and Parish:** Our departed loved ones and former worshippers.

Residential and nursing homes in our parish.

The Peace Hospice.

**The Ill and the Housebound:** Especially Christopher Bilson, Peter Coley, Bill and

Marion Craddock-Jones, Thomas Cristensen, Jean Crouch, David

and Janet Freeman, Jocelyn Harewood, Susetta Hartropp, Gladys

Holloway, Leena Hosie, Jenny Houghton, Susan Jones, Mary

Kearns, Dorothy Kiddle, Vera Levinson, Loretta Lynch, Jacqui

Lyons, Maggie Maguire, Dorcas Ochola, Gaynor Osbourne, Celia

Pain, Myrtle Powell, Bryony Purse, Elaine Robinson, June Tatnall,

Eric and Anne Wightman.

**The Departed:**

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**Collect**

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:  
grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**FIRST READING Daniel 7.1–3, 15–18**

A reading from the book of Daniel.

- <sup>1</sup> In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream:
- <sup>2</sup> I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea,
- <sup>3</sup> and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.
- <sup>15</sup> As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me.
- <sup>16</sup> I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter:
- <sup>17</sup> 'As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth.
- <sup>18</sup> But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom for ever – for ever and ever.'

**SECOND READING Ephesians 1.11–23**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

- <sup>11</sup> In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will,
- <sup>12</sup> so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory.
- <sup>13</sup> In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit;
- <sup>14</sup> this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.
- <sup>15</sup> I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason

<sup>16</sup> I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers.  
<sup>17</sup> I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him,  
<sup>18</sup> so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints,  
<sup>19</sup> and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.  
<sup>20</sup> God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places,  
<sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come.  
<sup>22</sup> And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church,  
<sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

## **GOSPEL Luke 6.20–31**

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

<sup>20</sup> Jesus looked up at his disciples and said: ‘Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.  
<sup>21</sup> Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.  
<sup>22</sup> Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man.  
<sup>23</sup> Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.  
<sup>24</sup> But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.  
<sup>25</sup> Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.  
<sup>26</sup> Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.  
<sup>27</sup> But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.  
<sup>28</sup> If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt.  
<sup>29</sup> Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again.  
<sup>30</sup> Do to others as you would have them do to you.’  
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## THIS WEEK

Mon	1	Nov	Toddlers Group	10.00 – 11.30am
			Worship Committee (Choir Vestry)	8.00pm
Tue	2	Nov	ALL SOULS	
			Eucharist with reading of Chantry List	7.30pm
Wed	3	Nov	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
			Parish Bring-&-Share Lunch	12.30pm
			Social Committee (Choir Vestry)	7.30pm
Thur	4	Nov	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			Fairhaven	morning
			Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
Sat	6	Nov	Parish Walk	leave Church at 10.00am
Sun	7	Nov	<b><u>THIRD SUNDAY before ADVENT</u></b>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George)	8.00am
			<b>SUNG EUCHARIST: MEMORIAL SERVICE</b>	9.30am
			with crèche and Sunday School	
			President and Preacher: Fr Geoff	
			Evening Prayer in the Lady Chapel	6.00pm

## **NOTICES**

**CHRISTMAS FAIR:** The date this year is Saturday, 20 November from 11-2.30 pm. If you would like to be part of a planning group for the fair please mention this to Fr Geoff or Sylvia. This year there will be one or two changes to the fair but the main aims – to welcome our neighbours in West Watford to come into the church and to raise money to go towards the church’s ‘housekeeping’ expenses – are still there.

There are many ways in which you can help at the fair such as offering or helping to run a stall, looking through your cupboards to see what you can donate by way of items of any kind to sell, use as raffle and tombola prizes. Making preserves and cakes of all kinds which are always popular. The lunches will be a little different but help is still needed to prepare and serve them, and clear up afterwards. Above all, make a note of the date in your diary and come to the fair bringing your friends.

A box in which you can place any gifts to be sold is at the back of the church. There is also a list giving ways in which you can help – please sign this. Posters to advertise the occasion are available please display one if you can.

**ALL SOULS:** On Tuesday, 2 November, at 7.30 pm there will be a Eucharist at which the Chantry List will be read. The List contains all the names that are in our Book of Remembrance which is kept in the Lady Chapel.

**THE PARISH LUNCH** (3 November) and the **PARISH WALK** (6 November): there are lists for participants to sign on the signings table.

**REGIONAL CHORAL EVENSONG:** This is on Sunday, 21 November, at 6 pm. It is a special occasion organised by the RSCM and choristers come from all over the region to sing. Please make a note of the date in your diary.