



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

MEMORIAL SERVICE

7 November 2010

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 Valerie Alvarez leads the intercessions. The names of the recently departed will be read and candles lit. 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.

Evening Prayer in the Lady Chapel at 6.00pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Episcopal Church of Cuba, and Miguel Tamayo, its interim Diocesan Bishop.

L'Arche communities for people with learning difficulties

Indigenous Christians in the USA.

The World: The work of Health Service Chaplains.

Bereavement Counsellors.

Couples preparing for marriage.

The Community and Parish. Recently bereaved people in our area.

Our local funeral directors.

Fr George in his new ministry as a hospital Chaplain.

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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THE COLLECT

Eternal God, our maker and redeemer,
grant us, with all the faithful departed,
the sure benefits of your Son's saving passion
and glorious resurrection;
that, in the last day,
when you gather up all things up in Christ,
we may with them enjoy the fullness of your promises;
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 **Wisdom of Solomon 3.1–9**

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

- ¹ The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them.
- ² In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died,
- ³ but they are at peace.
- ⁴ For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality.
- ⁵ Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself;
- ⁶ like gold in the furnace he tried them.
- ⁷ In the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through the stubble.
- ⁸ They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them for ever.
- ⁹ Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

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."



CHRISTMAS FAIR: The date this year is Saturday, 20 November from 11-2.30 pm. 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.

THIS WEEK

Mon	8	Nov	Toddlers Group (Rehearsal for Radlett Choral Society)	10.00 – 11.30am evening)
Tue	9	Nov	Mission & Stewardship Committee (Clergy Vestry)	11.00am
Wed	10	Nov	Coffee in Church Service at Home Manor Bible Study (Choir Vestry)	10.30am-12 noon 3.00pm 8.00pm
Thur	11	Nov	REMEMBRANCE DAY Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language) St Anthony's Choir Practice	10.00am morning 7.00 – 8.30pm
Sat	13	Nov	Pastoral Team meeting (Clergy Vestry) RADLETT CHORAL SOCIETY (Rehearsal CONCERT	10.00am afternoon) 7.30pm
Sun	14	Nov	<u>REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY</u> Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff) SUNG EUCHARIST: with crèche and Sunday School President and Preacher: Fr Geoff The service will include the laying of a poppy wreath. 11.15 Service of Thanksgiving and Praise Youth Group Lunch (in church) Evening Prayer in the Lady Chapel	8.00am 9.30am 11.15am 12.30pm 6.00pm

NOTICES

CONGRATULATIONS to Fr George on his new appointment from 29 November as Chaplain to the West Herts NHS Trust.

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

THE NOVEMBER SWORD AND SEE ROUND are available in Church

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. After the Service coffee and cakes will be served. Sylvia would like to hear from anyone who is able to help with serving these refreshments and providing cakes. Please make a note of the date in your diary.

KIDS' SATURDAY: The next one will be an Advent workshop on Saturday, 27 November, from 2-4 pm. The children will make, learn, worship and have some refreshments. Please take a handbill from the back of the church.

RADLETT CHORAL SOCIETY are giving a concert in Church this coming Saturday, 13 November, when they will perform Berlioz L'Enfance du Christ. Details about obtaining tickets are in *Sword*.

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