



# THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

*St Michael and All Angels*

Watford

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

14 November 2010

A warm welcome to our services today.

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

**Hymns: 537, 447, "Eternal God" on leaflet and 355**

**Setting: White**

The service will include the laying of a poppy wreath.

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 Praise and Thanksgiving - please stay on.

Youth Group Lunch (in church) is at 12.30pm.

Evening Prayer in the Lady Chapel at **6.00pm**

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

**The Church:** All those attending Remembrance services today.  
Armed Forces, Ex Service Association, and Cadet Forces Chaplains.  
Jonathan Bamaliyi, Bishop of Katsina, Nigeria.

**The World:** Work of the Royal British Legion and Poppy Appeal.  
Our serving armed forces personnel and all who have been disabled or bereaved by war.  
That nations may learn to solve their differences peacefully.

**The Community and Parish:** Local associations serving current and ex service people.  
Those who serve in the civilian emergency services  
Our political representatives, and their work for peace and reconciliation.

**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, Peter Hatswell, 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, Marianne Rees, Elaine Robinson, June Tatnall, Eric and Anne Wightman.

**The Departed:**

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They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years contemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,  
We will remember them.

*From Poems for the Fallen - Laurence Binyon (1869-1943)*

**Collect**

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:  
grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure;  
that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;  
where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**FIRST READING Malachi 4.1–2a**

A reading from the book of the prophet Malachi.

- <sup>1</sup> See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch.
- <sup>2</sup> But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

**SECOND READING 2 Thessalonians 3.6–13**

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

- <sup>6</sup> We command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us.
- <sup>7</sup> For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you,
- <sup>8</sup> and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you.
- <sup>9</sup> This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate.
- <sup>10</sup> For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat.

- <sup>11</sup> For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work.  
<sup>12</sup> Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.  
<sup>13</sup> Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

## **GOSPEL Luke 21.5–19**

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

- <sup>5</sup> When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said,  
<sup>6</sup> ‘As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.’  
<sup>7</sup> They asked him, ‘Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?’  
<sup>8</sup> And Jesus said, ‘Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, “I am he!” and, “The time is near!” Do not go after them.  
<sup>9</sup> When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.’  
<sup>10</sup> Then he said to them, ‘Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.  
<sup>11</sup> But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name.  
<sup>12</sup> This will give you an opportunity to testify.  
<sup>13</sup> So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance;  
<sup>14</sup> for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict.  
<sup>15</sup> You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death.  
<sup>16</sup> You will be hated by all because of my name.  
<sup>17</sup> But not a hair of your head will perish.  
<sup>18</sup> By your endurance you will gain your souls.’

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## **INTERFAITH PILGRIMAGE**

Visiting 5 places of worship around Watford  
Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> November

1.30 – 5 pm

*See our noticeboard for full information*

## THIS WEEK

|      |    |     |  |                  |
|------|----|-----|--|------------------|
| Mon  | 15 | Nov | Toddlers Group   | 10.00 – 11.30am  |
| Tue  | 16 | Nov | Service at The Chase Care Home   | 2.30pm           |
| Wed  | 17 | Nov | Coffee in Church   | 10.30am-12 noon  |
|      |    |     | PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (Choir Vestry)  | 7.55pm           |
| Thur | 18 | Nov | Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)<br>attended by Mothers' Union | 10.00am          |
|      |    |     | Choir Practice   | 7.00 – 8.30pm    |
| Fri  | 19 | Nov | Set up for Christmas Fair from 2.30 pm onwards                                   |                  |
| Sat  | 20 | Nov | <b>CHRISTMAS FAIR</b>  | 11.00am -2.30 pm |
| Sun  | 21 | Nov | <b>CHRIST THE KING</b>   |                  |
|      |    |     | Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George)   | 8.00am           |
|      |    |     | <b>SUNG EUCHARIST:</b> with crèche and Sunday School                             | 9.30am           |
|      |    |     | President: Fr George and Preacher: Martin Heath                                  |                  |
|      |    |     | <b>RSCM Regional Choral Evensong</b> at St Michael's                             | 6.00 pm          |

## NOTICES

**REGIONAL CHORAL EVENSONG:** This is next 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.

**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.

**WORLD CHALLENGE QUIZ NIGHT:** Elizabeth Talbot and two friends are holding a quiz night with food and raffle in St Michael's on Saturday, 27 November 2010, at 7.30 pm. The proceeds are in aid of a world challenge that the three girls are hoping to undertake. Requests for tickets (£8 for over 16s and £6 for under 16s) and any queries should be made to Elizabeth on 0758 1882651.

**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 giving items to sell and making cakes and preserves. Helping with the lunches. 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. We particularly need volunteers at 2.30 on Friday afternoon to move the furniture and after 2.30 on Saturday afternoon to put it back! Posters to advertise the occasion are available please display one if you can.

**FINAL COPY DATE FOR THE NOVEMBER SWORD** is MIDDAY next Sunday, 21 November. Hard copy or floppy disc to Dennis Beach or email to dhbeach@sky.com.