



# THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

*St Michael and All Angels*

Watford

CHRIST THE KING

Sunday next before Advent

21 November 2010

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Sung Eucharist, Fr George celebrates, Martin Heath preaches and Pat Beach leads the intercessions. A crèche is available and there is Sunday School.

**Hymns: 380 (i), 165, 311 and 299**

**Setting: White**

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

**RSCM Regional Choral Evensong** is at 6.00 pm followed by refreshments (see notices).

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

**The Church:** The Anglican Church of Bermuda, and Patrick White, its Bishop.  
The Royal School of Church Music.

USPG supported work in the Anglican Church of Belize.

**The World:** People addicted to alcohol and drugs.

Those responsible for economic decisions in our nation and others.

Young people in university, higher or further education, training or starting new jobs.

**The Community and Parish:** Jonathan Beach serving in Afghanistan.

Those who work with children and young people in our Church.

The care of our Church building.

**The Ill and the Housebound:** Especially Christopher Bilson, Peter Coley, Bill and Marion Craddock-Jones, Thomas Cristensen, Jean Crouch, Darrell Dunning, David and Janet Freeman, Jocelyn Harewood, Susetta Hartropp, Peter Hatswell, Gladys Holloway, Leena Hosie, Jenny Houghton, 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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**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 Jeremiah 23.1–6**

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

- 1 Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD.
- 2 Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD.
- 3 Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply.
- 4 I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.
- 5 The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.
- 6 In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

**SECOND READING Colossians 1.11–20**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

Brothers and sisters:

- 11 May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience,

12 while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share  
in the inheritance of the saints in the light.  
13 He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into  
the kingdom of his beloved Son,  
14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.  
15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation;  
16 for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible  
and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all  
things have been created through him and for him.  
17 He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.  
18 He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn  
from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything.  
19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,  
20 and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things,  
whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of  
his cross.

## **GOSPEL Luke 23.33–43**

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

33 When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus  
there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left.  
34 Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they  
are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing.  
35 And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him,  
saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of  
God, his chosen one!'  
36 The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine,  
37 and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!'  
38 There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'  
39 One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and  
saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!'  
40 But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are  
under the same sentence of condemnation?  
41 And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we  
deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.'  
42 Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.'  
43 Jesus replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

## THIS WEEK

Mon	22	Nov	Toddlers Group	10.00 – 11.30am
			Worship Committee (Choir Vestry)	8.00pm
Tue	23	Nov	Intercessory Prayer Group (Choir Vestry)	2.30pm
Wed	24	Nov	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
Thur	25	Nov	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
Sat	27	Nov	RSCM Examinations in Choir Vestry	9 am – 5 pm
			Kids' Saturday - Advent Workshop (see Notices)	
			Quiz Night (see Notices)	7.30pm
Sun	28	Nov	<b><u>ADVENT SUNDAY</u></b>	
			Holy Communion	8.00am
			<b>SUNG EUCHARIST:</b> with crèche and Sunday School	9.30am
			(Pres: Fr Geoff; Preacher: Barry Miles)	
			followed by Bring-and-Buy Sale	
			Baptism of Finley Blowers	2.30pm
			Evening Prayer	6.00pm

## **NOTICES**

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

**INTERFAITH PILGRIMAGE:** Visiting 5 places of worship around Watford today, Sunday, 21st November, 1.30 – 5 pm. See leaflets in church or our noticeboard for full information.

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

**BRING-&-SHARE LUNCH:** Please sign the list for Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December.

**THE PARISH WALK** is on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December. 10 am start. Please sign list.

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