



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Sunday 30 October 2011

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Sung Eucharist, Fr Geoff celebrates, Martin Heath preaches and John Adams leads the intercessions.

Hymns: 232, 391, 462 and 621

Setting: Aston

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

There is a Baptism at 3.00pm.

At 6 pm there is evening prayer in the Lady Chapel.

During the evening in church Elizabeth Talbot will be showing photographs and talking about her World Challenge.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: Discussions on the Anglican Communion Covenant.
The Episcopal Church in the Philippines.
Church Army evangelists in training.

The World: Earthquake victims in Turkey.
Flood victims in Thailand.
Victims of the economic situation.

The Community and Parish: Churches Together in South West and Central Watford.
Residents and Staff at Fairhaven care home.
The work of Community Centres in our Parish.

The Ill and the Housebound: Especially Bruce Alexander, Billie Bainbridge (age 4), Christopher Bilson, Mary Calvert, Peter Coley, Bill and Marion Craddock-Jones, Jean Crouch, Kate Dickinson, Darrell Dunning, David and Janet Freeman, Susetta Hartropp, Ben Heath, Jessie Hobby, Leena Hosie, Jenny Houghton, Mary Kearns, Dorothy Kiddle, Lesley Kinch, Loretta Lynch, Maggie Maguire, Stella Nicholas, Faith Nkugwa, Dorcas Ochola, Gaynor Osbourne, Helen Perry, Myrtle Powell, Bryony Purse, Eric and Anne Wightman.

The Departed:

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 Revelation 7.9–17

A reading from the book of Revelation.

- ⁹ After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.
- ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!'
- ¹¹ And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God,
- ¹² singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'
- ¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?'
- ¹⁴ I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
- ¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
- ¹⁶ They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;
- ¹⁷ for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

SECOND READING I John 3.1–3

A reading from the first letter of John.

- 1 See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.
- 2 Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.
- 3 And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

GOSPEL Matthew 5.1–12

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

- 1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.
- 2 Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:
- 3 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
- 5 Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
- 6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
- 7 Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
- 8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
- 9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
- 10 Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 11 Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.
- 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.'

THIS WEEK

Mon	31	Oct	Toddlers' Group (Choir Vestry)	10 – 11.30am
			Publicity Committee (Choir Vestry)	2.00pm
Wed	2	Nov	ALL SOULS	
			Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
			Parish Bring-and-Share lunch	12.30pm
			Eucharist with reading of Chantry List	7.30pm
Thur	3	Nov	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			Fairhaven	morning
			Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
Sat	5	Nov	Parish Walk	10.00am
Sun	6	Nov	<u>Third Sunday before Advent/MEMORIAL SERVICE</u>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST (President and preacher: Fr Geoff)	9.30am
			Names of the recently departed will be read and candles lit	
			Evening Prayer	6.00pm

NOTICES

CHRISTMAS FAIR: 12 November 2011 from 11 .am – 2.30.pm. Have you read the article in the October Sword? This is an annual event when we raise funds to help pay the ‘housekeeping’ bills. There are sheets on the signings table asking for many kinds of help. Please do your utmost to help this year. Tell your friends and neighbours about it. Make a note to have lunch at the Fair on that day. Start to bring items for sale as soon as you can. There are handbills and posters for display. Your church needs YOU.

MEMORIAL SERVICE: Our annual Memorial Service will be next Sunday, 6 November at 9.30 am. This is the occasion when we invite those people in the parish who have lost a relative or friend in recent months to come to church and light a candle in memory of the loved one. If you have a friend or neighbour who might like to come to this service please tell them about it.

ALL SOULS: Wednesday, 2 November 2011. We shall have a said Eucharist at 7.30 pm when the Chantry List (all the names in our Book of Remembrance which is kept in the Lady Chapel) will be read out.

PARISH WALK: Saturday, 5 November and **BRING-AND-SHARE LUNCH:** Wednesday, 2 November, at 12.30 pm. Please sign the lists on the signings table.

CHRISTMAS FAIR: Have you started to make jam and marmalade yet? If you make that in the next few days then there will be plenty of time to make cakes nearer the date – 12 November 2011. – and provide time to help decorate the church and set up the stalls on the Friday before the Fair.