



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

MEMORIAL SERVICE

6 November 2011

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 Violet Allen-Smith leads the intercessions. The names of the recently departed will be read and candles lit.

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 Diocese of Toronto, Canada.
Mampong Babies Home in Ghana, supported by USPG.
Church Army evangelists.

The World: People in Europe affected by economic and political turmoil.
People affected by flooding, drought, earthquake, poverty or endemic disease.
The rebuilding of a just and democratic society in Libya.

The Community and Parish: That the elderly people of our area may be able to keep warm and safe.
Residents and staff at River Court and Home Manor.
All recently bereaved people of our Church family.

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, David Simon, Eric and Anne Wightman.

The Departed: Mabel Tottman

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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 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.

READING I Corinthians 13.1–13

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

- 1 If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.
- 2 And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.
- 3 If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.
- 4 Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude.
- 5 It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful;
- 6 it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth.
- 7 It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.
- 8 Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end.
- 9 For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part;
- 10 but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end.
- 11 When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways.
- 12 For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known.
- 13 And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

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. 12 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. After the success of last year, the lunches will be in church and 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	7	Nov	Toddlers Group	10.00 – 11.30am
			River Court Service	3.00pm
			Worship Committee (Choir Vestry)	8.00pm
Wed	9	Nov	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
			Service at Home Manor	3.00pm
			Bible Study (Choir Vestry)	8.00pm
Thur	10	Nov	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			St Anthony's	morning
			Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
Fri	11	Nov	REMEMBRANCE DAY	
			Set up for Christmas Fair	From 2.30pm
Sat	12	Nov	CHRISTMAS FAIR	11.00am – 2.30pm
Sun	13	Nov	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST: President and Preacher: Fr Geoff	9.30am
			The service will include the laying of a poppy wreath.	
			11.15 Service of Thanksgiving and Praise	11.15am
			Youth Group Lunch (in church)	12.30pm
			Evening Prayer in the Lady Chapel	6.00pm

NOTICES

LAST SUNDAY'S BRING-&-BUY raised £83.50 Many thanks.

THE NOVEMBER SWORD AND SEE ROUND are available in Church.

COULD YOU HELP A LOCAL CHARITY, alongside members of our sister churches in Watford? Churches Together is helping the New Hope Trust sort the donations they received during their recent Harvest Appeal. If you can spare a couple of hours, either afternoon or evening between Tuesday 8th and Friday 11th November, please let me know. Many thanks, Martin Heath.

HELP is also needed on 17 December at the Harlequin to raise money for the New Hope Trust by wrapping Christmas presents between 9 am and 9 pm. Ring 01923 227132 for further details.

REGIONAL CHORAL EVENSONG: This is on Sunday, 20 November, at 6 pm. It is a special occasion organised by the RSCM and choristers come from all over the region to sing. This year it is at St John's Boxmoor.

CHRISTINGLE: This year the service will be at 11.15 am on Sunday, 11 December and there will be a Bring-&-Buy stall on the previous Sunday (4th) to raise money for the ingredients of the Christingles.

KIDS' SATURDAY: The next one will be an Advent workshop on Saturday, 26 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.