



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

13 November 2011

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Sung Eucharist, Fr Geoff celebrates and preaches and Pam Hart leads the intercessions.

Hymns: 537, 447, "Eternal God" on leaflet and 591

Setting: Rawsthorne

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

For your prayers this week:

The Church: Isaac Orama, Bishop of Uyo, Nigeria.

USPG's Experience Exchange Programme.

The Wilson Carlile Church Army Centre in Sheffield.

The World: The work of the British Legion.

Our serving armed forces personnel.

World Peace.

The Community and Parish: St Anthony's Care Home.

Our Mothers' Union.

Abbot's Langley and King's Langley RAF Association.

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:

Collect

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the king of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Zephaniah 1.7, 12–18

A reading from the book of the prophet Zephaniah.

- 7 Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests.
- 12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, 'The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm.'
- 13 Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.
- 14 The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there.
- 15 That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness,
- 16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.
- 17 I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung.
- 18 Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

SECOND READING I Thessalonians 5.1–11

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

- 1 Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you.
- 2 For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.
- 3 When they say, 'There is peace and security,' then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape!
- 4 But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief;
- 5 for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness.
- 6 So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober;
- 7 for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night.

8 But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and
love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation.
9 For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord
Jesus Christ,
10 who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him.
11 Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

GOSPEL Matthew 25.14–30

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

Jesus said to his disciples,
14 ‘The kingdom of heaven is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and
entrusted his property to them;
15 to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his
ability. Then he went away.
16 The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and
made five more talents.
17 In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents.
18 But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and
hid his master’s money.
19 After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them.
20 Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more
talents, saying, “Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more
talents.”
21 His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been
trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of
your master.”
22 And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, “Master, you handed over
to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.”
23 His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been
trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of
your master.”
24 Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, “Master, I
knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where
you did not scatter seed;
25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is
yours.”
26 But his master replied, “You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap
where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter?
27 Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would
have received what was my own with interest.
28 So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents.
29 For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but
from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.
30 As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be
weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

THIS WEEK

Mon	14	Nov	Toddlers' Group	10 – 11.30am
Tue	15	Nov	Mission Committee (Clergy Vestry)	10.30am
			Chase Care Home	2.30pm
			Social Committee (Choir Vestry)	8.00pm
Wed	16	Nov	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
Thur	17	Nov	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			followed by coffee with the Mothers' Union in Choir Vestry	
			Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
Sun	20	Nov	<u>CHRIST THE KING</u>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST (President and preacher: Fr George)	9.30am
			Six O'clock Series (see Notices)	6.00pm

NOTICES

CHRISTMAS FAIR: Thank you to everyone who helped at the fair yesterday and to everyone who attended. There are a few items left and these will be available to buy in the north aisle after the 9.30 service.

THE SIX O'CLOCK SERIES: The Service on Sunday, 20 November, at 6 pm will be a Healing Service. Please bring along any friends and neighbours that you think would be interested to attend. At present we need a volunteer to serve the refreshments after the service. If anyone is able to do this, please see Fr Geoff or Sylvia Moring.

HELP is 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.

FINAL COPY DATE FOR THE DECEMBER SWORD is MIDDAY next Sunday, 20 November. Hard copy or floppy disc to Dennis Beach or email to dhbeach@sky.com.

COME AND PRAY FOR THE WATFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOLS: This monthly prayer meeting is open to all parents of pupils at both schools. It meets on the second Monday of each month for one hour. The next meeting is on 14th November at 8pm at 10 Swiss Close, WD18 7LW. Phone 01923 461042 for more details.