



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

Sunday 14 October 2012

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist, Fr Geoff celebrates and preaches. Sylvia Moring leads the intercessions.

Hymns: 270, Psalm 126 (inside), Music Notes and 275

Setting: Wilson

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

The monthly Service of Thanksgiving and Praise (Harvest) is at 11.15am

(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church

1.00 – 7.00pm)

NO Evening Prayer

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Church in the Province of the West Indies, the Most Revd and the Hon Dr John Holder, Archbishop.

The Parish of Stanbridge in our Diocese.

The Church Army's research unit, the Sheffield Centre.

The World: The eradication of poverty and hunger (Mothers' Union Cycle of Prayer).

Swaziland, and especially the many orphan children (USPG Cycle of Prayer).

The work of Christian Aid.

The Community and Parish: The Chase Care Centre.

Chater Infants and Laurance Haines Schools.

The Watford and Three Rivers Refugee Project.

The Ill and the Housebound: Especially Bruce Alexander, Robert Caton. Peter Coley, Bill and Marion Craddock-Jones, Jean Crouch, Ben Heath, Jessie Hobby, Jenny Houghton, Trevor Hutchinson, Audrey and Harvey Jaquest, Pam Jennings, Mary Kearns, Lesley Kinch, Loretta Lynch, Jacqui Lyons, Maggie Maguire, Stella Nicholas, Dorcas Ochola, Brian O'Riordan, Helen Perry, Myrtle Powell, Christina and David Simon, Eric and Anne Wightman.

The Departed:

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The Collect

Eternal God,

you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season:

grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being;

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.

Gradual Psalm

PSALM 126. *In convertendo.*

J. TURLE.

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1. When the Lord turned again the captivity of | Sion :
then were we | like unto | them that | dream.
2. Then was our mouth | filled with | laughter :
and | our | tongue with | joy.
3. Then said they a|mong the | heathen :
The | Lord hath done | great things | for them.
4. Yea, the Lord hath done great things | for us al|ready :
where|of | we rejoice.
5. Turn our captivity O | Lord :
as the | rivers | in the | south.
6. They that | sow in | tears :
shall | reap | in | joy.
7. He that now goeth on his way weeping, and beareth | forth good | seed :
shall doubtless come again with joy and | bring his | sheaves | with him.

GOSPEL Matthew 6.25–33

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

Jesus taught his disciples, saying.

- 25 Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?
- 26 Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?
- 27 And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?
- 28 And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin,
- 29 yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these.
- 30 But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you – you of little faith?
- 31 Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?”
- 32 For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.
- 33 But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.



THIS WEEK

Mon	15	Oct	Toddlers' Group	10.00 - 11.30am
			Emmaus Course (Vicarage)	1.00pm
Tue	16	Oct	Chater Infants Harvest Celebration	9.30am
			Service at the Chase Care Centre	2.30pm
			Emmaus Course (Vicarage)	7.00pm
Wed	17	Oct	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
Thur	18	Oct	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			attended by Mothers' Union	
			and followed by MU meeting in Choir Vestry	
			Choir Practice	7.00 - -8.30pm
Fri	19	Oct	Laurance Haines Harvest Service	9.30am
Sun	21	Oct	<u>TRINITY 20</u>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST President Fr Geoff	9.30am
			and preacher Doug Loveridge (Hospital Chaplain)	
			Six O'Clock Series – Celtic Service	6.00pm

NOTICES

HARVEST THANKSGIVING AT ST MICHAEL'S is being celebrated today. Church members are invited to bring dry goods which will be given to the Watford and Three Rivers Refugee Project. The Project is a group of volunteers who seek to provide practical and emotional support for asylum seekers and refugees in this area. Many have children and are destitute and desperate; often they are not allowed to work, have not enough to live on and do not qualify for state benefits. Church members may also like or prefer to give cash donations to Christian Aid for which envelopes are available with this Messenger.

EMMAUS – The days for the Emmaus Courses are Monday Afternoons (starting at 1 pm) and Tuesday Evenings (starting at 7 pm), with no sessions in the first week of the month. Each group has had its first two sessions and the next meetings will be on 15th and 16th October in the Vicarage. . All those who are following the Emmaus course with us (it's not too late to join in) come along with sandwiches/buffet food for the next meeting.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

17 November from 11.00 am to 2.30 pm St Michael's CHRISTMAS FAIR – please keep this date free and come to the Fair. Read the article about the Fair in the October Sword. Signatures are beginning to appear on the list on the signings table indicating offers of help – is yours there?