



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

St SIMON & St JUDE

Sunday 28 October 2012

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist, Fr George celebrates and preaches. Valerie Alvarez leads the intercessions.

Hymns: 208 (parts ii/iii), 419, 175 and 223

Setting: Wilson

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

(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church

1.00 – 5.00pm)

Evening Prayer in the Lady Chapel is at 6.00pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The parish of Stondon in our Diocese.

The Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba.

Relief work of the Anglican Church in Japan with people still suffering after the 2011 tsunami.

The World: The protection and empowerment of women subject to abuse.

Church Army work with homeless women.

People vulnerable to hurricanes and other extreme weather.

The Community and Parish: Our former worshippers, and all who have loved and supported St Michael's.

Our work in supporting charities at home and worldwide.

Residents and staff at Fairhaven.

The Ill and the Housebound: Especially Bruce Alexander, Jean and Robert Caton.

Peter Coley, Bill and Marion Craddock-Jones, Jean Crouch, Ben Heath, Jessie Hobby, Jenny Houghton, Trevor Hutchinson, Audrey and Harvey Jaquest, 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:

Collect

Almighty God,
who built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets,
with Jesus Christ himself as the chief cornerstone:
so join us together in unity of spirit by their doctrine,
that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to 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 Isaiah 28.14–16

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

- ¹⁴ Hear the word of the LORD, you scoffers who rule this people in Jerusalem.
- ¹⁵ Because you have said, ‘We have made a covenant with death, and with Sheol we have an agreement; when the overwhelming scourge passes through it will not come to us; for we have made lies our refuge, and in falsehood we have taken shelter’;
- ¹⁶ therefore thus says the Lord GOD, See, I am laying in Zion a foundation stone, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation: ‘One who trusts will not panic.’

SECOND READING Ephesians 2.19–22

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

- ¹⁹ You are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God,
- ²⁰ built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.
- ²¹ In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord;
- ²² in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

GOSPEL John 15.17–27

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

Jesus said to his disciples:

- ¹⁷ 'I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.
¹⁸ If the world hates you, be aware that it hated me before it hated you.
¹⁹ If you belonged to the world, the world would love you as its own. Because you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world – therefore the world hates you.
²⁰ Remember the word that I said to you, "Servants are not greater than their master." If they persecuted me, they will persecute you; if they kept my word, they will keep yours also.
²¹ But they will do all these things to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me.
²² If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have sin; but now they have no excuse for their sin.
²³ Whoever hates me hates my Father also.
²⁴ If I had not done among them the works that no one else did, they would not have sin. But now they have seen and hated both me and my Father.
²⁵ It was to fulfil the word that is written in their law, "They hated me without a cause."
²⁶ When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf.
²⁷ You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.'



THIS WEEK

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| Mon | 29 | Oct | <i>Half Term Week</i> | |
| | | | Toddlers' Group | 10.00 - 11.30am |
| | | | Emmaus Course (Vicarage) | 1.00pm |
| Tue | 30 | Oct | Emmaus Course (Vicarage) | 7.00pm |
| Wed | 31 | Oct | Coffee in Church | 10.30am-12 noon |
| | | | Mission Committee | 10.00am |
| Thur | 1 | Nov | ALL SAINTS | |
| | | | Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language) including reading of Chantry List | 10.00am |
| | | | Choir Practice | 7.00 - -8.30pm |
| Fri | 2 | Nov | ALL SOULS Day Eucharist | 7.30pm |
| Sat | 3 | Nov | (Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church | all day) |
| Sun | 4 | Nov | MEMORIAL SERVICE | |
| | | | Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff) | 8.00am |
| | | | SUNG EUCHARIST President and preacher: Fr Geoff | 9.30am |
| | | | Evening Prayer in Lady Chapel | 6.00pm |

NOTICES

FREE SCHOOL MEALS for every child in poverty. Please sign The Children's Society's petition if you agree with this. Copies on the Signings table at the west end and at the Mildred Avenue door.

EMMAUS –The next meetings will be on 29th and 30th October in the Vicarage. . It's not too late to join in come along (with sandwiches/buffet food) for the next meeting.

WATFORD & THREE RIVERS REFUGEE PROJECT: Michael Hayter writes "I wish to convey our sincere thanks to everyone for donating goods to the project from your harvest festival. We will be distributing them to the families we are helping over the next month or so, and as they are neither allowed to work or receive benefits, they will be very grateful. We very much appreciate your interest in our work and hope that this will continue in the future. Once again our thanks to you all."

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday, 11 November During the 9.30 service a poppy wreath will be laid on the War Memorial in the Lady Chapel.

Saturday, 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? We need people to 'man' stalls, sell raffle tickets, make food for the lunches, wash up after the lunches and take money at the lunches. Help with decorating the church on Friday and clearing up generally on Saturday afternoon is also appreciated.

Sunday, 18 November: The Six o'clock Series will be Choral Evensong at 6 pm.