



# THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

*St Michael and All Angels*

Watford

## MEMORIAL SERVICE

4 November 2012

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.

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### **For your prayers this week:**

**The Church:** The Parish of Sundon in our Diocese.  
The Diocese of Bermuda, the Rt Revd Patrick White, clergy and people.

Growth of the Church in Pakistan.

**The World:** All who work to help bereaved people and those whom they help.

All victims of accidents and natural disaster.

All those involved in medical research.

**The Community and Parish:** Our Clergy and Readers in their funeral and bereavement ministry.

Our departed worshippers and our own departed loved ones.

That we may be messengers of new and eternal life.

**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:**

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### THE COLLECT

O God, the maker and redeemer of all:  
grant us, with all the departed,  
the sure benefits of your Son's saving passion  
and glorious resurrection;  
that in the last day,  
when you gather all things up in Christ,  
we may with them enjoy the fullness of your promises;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### FIRST READING Romans 5.5–11

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

- <sup>5</sup> Hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.
- <sup>6</sup> For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.
- <sup>7</sup> Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die.
- <sup>8</sup> But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.
- <sup>9</sup> Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God.
- <sup>10</sup> For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life.
- <sup>11</sup> But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

## 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, 17 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	5	Nov	<i>Schools return after half term</i>	
			Toddlers' Group	10.00 - 11.30am
			Service at River Court	3.00pm
			NO Emmaus Course	
Tue	6	Nov	NO Emmaus Course	
			Social Committee (6 Cassiobury Park Ave)	7.45pm
Wed	7	Nov	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
			<b>PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL</b>	7.55pm
Thur	8	Nov	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			St Anthony's	morning
			Choir Practice	7.00 - -8.30pm
Sat	10	Nov	(RSCM Examinations (Choir Vestry)	9am-3pm)
Sun	11	Nov	<b><u>REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY</u></b>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George)	8.00am
			<b>SUNG EUCHARIST:</b> 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
			(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church	1.00 – 500pm)
			Evening Prayer in the Lady Chapel	6.00pm

## NOTICES

LAST SUNDY'S BRING-&-BUY SALE raised £84. Many thanks to all.

EMMAUS –The next meetings will be on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> November in the Vicarage. . It's not too late to join in come along (with sandwiches/buffet food) for the next meeting.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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. Help with decorating the church on Friday and clearing up generally on Saturday afternoon is also appreciated. There is somewhere on the list at the back of the church to sign up for everything.

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

Wednesday, 5 December: Christmas coffee morning with bring-and-buy stall in aid of St Michael's Mothers' Union. 10.30-12 noon. Everyone welcome.

Saturday, 8 December: Performance of *Amahl and the Night Visitors*, a Christmas Opera for Children and Adults, at 5 pm in Church. Further details in the November magazine.

Sunday, 9 December: Christingle Service in aid of The Children's Society at 11.15 am.

Service for Compassionate Friends at 6 pm.