



# THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

*St Michael and All Angels*

Watford

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

11 November 2012

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Sung Eucharist, Fr Geoff celebrates and preaches and Paul Jenkins leads the intercessions.

**Hymns: 537, 427, "Eternal God" on leaflet and 453**

**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.

(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church

1.00 – 5.00pm)

Evening Prayer in the Lady Chapel at 6.00pm

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

**The Church:** All attending Remembrance and Armistice Day services across the nation.

All armed forces chaplains.

The Lusitanian Church of Portugal, the Rt Revd Fernando Soares.

**The World:** Disabled ex-servicemen and women, and organisations helping them.

The Royal British Legion, RAF Association, and other ex service peoples associations.

All those working for world peace.

**The Community and Parish:** All those in our community disabled, bereaved, or traumatised through armed conflict.

All members of our wider Church family serving in the armed forces.

People living in our area who are refugees from armed conflicts.

**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:** Eileen Swallow.

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**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 Jonah 3.1–5, 10**

A reading from the book of Jonah.

- <sup>1</sup> The word of the LORD came to Jonah, saying,  
<sup>2</sup> ‘Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.’  
<sup>3</sup> So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across.  
<sup>4</sup> Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, ‘Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!’  
<sup>5</sup> And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.  
<sup>10</sup> When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

## **SECOND READING Hebrews 9.24–28**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

<sup>24</sup> Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.

<sup>25</sup> Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own;

<sup>26</sup> for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself.

<sup>27</sup> And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgement,

<sup>28</sup> so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

## **GOSPEL Mark I.14–20**

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

<sup>14</sup> After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God,

<sup>15</sup> and saying, ‘The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.’

<sup>16</sup> As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake – for they were fishermen.

<sup>17</sup> And Jesus said to them, ‘Follow me and I will make you fish for people.’

<sup>18</sup> And immediately they left their nets and followed him.

<sup>19</sup> As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets.

<sup>20</sup> Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

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## THIS WEEK

Mon	12	Nov	Toddlers' Group	10.00 - 11.30am
			Emmaus Course (Vicarage)	1.00pm
Tue	13	Nov	Emmaus Course (Vicarage)	7.00pm
Wed	14	Nov	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
			Service at Home Manor	3.00pm
Thur	15	Nov	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			followed by meeting of Mothers' Union.	
			Choir Practice	7.00 - -8.30pm
Fri	16	Nov	Set-up for Christmas Fair	from 2.30pm
Sat	17	Nov	<b>CHRISTMAS FAIR</b>	<b>11.00 – 2.30pm</b>
Sun	18	Nov	<b><u>SECOND SUNDAY before ADVENT</u></b>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff)	8.00am
			<b>SUNG EUCHARIST:</b>	9.30am
			President: Fr Geoff and Preacher: Violet Allen-Smith	
			Six O'Clock Series – CHORAL EVENSONG	6.00pm

## NOTICES

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.

FINAL COPY DATE FOR THE DECEMBER SWORD is MIDDAY next Sunday, 18 November. Hard copy to Dennis Beach or email to dhbeach@sky.com.

WE SHALL BE HAVING ANOTHER PARISH CHRISTMAS GREETINGS BOOKLET this year. If you would like to be included with your greetings to the parish and donation to Christian Aid, the details are on the 'signing up' table at the back of church. Any queries to Vicki Matthews.

THE FUNERAL OF EILEEN SWALLOW is on Monday 19 Nov at West Herts Crematorium at 11.20 am. All welcome. Flowers or donations to the Peace Hospice.

### 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. Items for sale – books, cakes, preserves, gifts, bric-a-brac, prizes etc. *and help with clearing up after 2.30 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 *Sword*

Friday 7 December: annual sponsored sleepout at St Albans Abbey.

Sunday, 9 December: Christingle Service in aid of the Children's Society at 11.15 am. Service for Compassionate Friends at 6 pm.