



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

2nd SUNDAY before ADVENT

18 November 2012

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Sung Eucharist, Fr Geoff celebrates and preaches and Sarah Dunning leads the intercessions.

Hymns: 229, 246, 604 and 430

Setting: Rawsthorne

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

Six O'Clock Series – CHORAL EVENSONG at 6.00pm followed by refreshments.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Parish of Totteridge in our Diocese.
The Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain, the Rt Revd Carlos Lopez-Lozano, its clergy and people.
St John's Anglican University in Tanzania.

The World: The strengthening and support of family life in Myanmar (Burma).
All in prison, for a return to constructive membership of society.
All who work in the prison service.

The Community and Parish: Today's Interfaith Pilgrimage in Watford.
Residents and staff at the Chase Care Centre.
Clergy and Readers in the Deanery of Watford.

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

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Daniel 12.1–3

A reading from the book of Daniel.

In the third year of King Cyrus a word was revealed to Daniel.

- 1 'At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book.
- 2 Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.
- 3 Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.'

SECOND READING Hebrews 10.11–14, 19–25

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

- 11 Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins.
- 12 But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, 'he sat down at the right hand of God,'
- 13 and since then has been waiting 'until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.'
- 14 For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.
- 19 Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus,

20 by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that
is, through his flesh),
21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God,
22 let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts
sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure
water.
23 Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who
has promised is faithful.
24 And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds,
25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging
one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

GOSPEL Mark 13.1–8

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

1 As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look,
Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!'
2 Then Jesus asked him, 'Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone
will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.'
3 When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter,
James, John, and Andrew asked him privately,
4 'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are
about to be accomplished?'
5 Then Jesus began to say to them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray.
6 Many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and they will lead many
astray.
7 When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must
take place, but the end is still to come.
8 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will
be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the
beginning of the birth pangs.'

THIS WEEK

Mon	19	Nov	Toddlers' Group	10.00 - 11.30am
			Emmaus Course (Vicarage)	1.00pm
Tue	20	Nov	Service at The Chase Care Home	2.30pm
			Emmaus Course (Vicarage)	7.00pm
Wed	21	Nov	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
Thur	22	Nov	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			Choir Practice	7.00 - -8.30pm
Sun	25	Nov	<u>CHRIST THE KING</u>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr George)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST: President and Preacher: Fr George	9.30am
			followed by Bring-&-Buy Sale	
			(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church	1.00 – 5.00pm)
			Evening Prayer in Lady Chapel	6.00pm

NOTICES

EMMAUS –The next meetings will be on 19th and 20th 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 TODAY 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

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

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

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*

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

Service for Compassionate Friends at 6 pm.

Sunday, 16 December at 6 pm St Michael's Carol Service.