



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

CHRIST THE KING

25 November 2012

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Sung Eucharist, Fr George celebrates and preaches and Graham Mordue leads the intercessions.

Hymns: 165, 563, 311 and 490

Setting: Rawsthorne

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

(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church

1 – 5.00pm)

Evening Prayer is in the Lady Chapel at 6.00pm

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Church of England, seeking a way forward after the vote on Women Bishops.

USPG under its new name Us.

The Church in the Falkland Islands.

The World: All those who support the homeless.

The elimination of Violence against Women.

Sufferers from AIDS, medical and support services.

The Community and Parish: Watford New Hope Trust.

Churches Together in Central, South and West Watford.

Couples preparing for Marriage.

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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Collect

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Daniel 7.9–10, 13–14

A reading from the book of Daniel.

- ⁹ As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire.
- ¹⁰ A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousand served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgement, and the books were opened.
- ¹³ As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him.
- ¹⁴ To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

SECOND READING Revelation 1.4b–8

A reading from the book of Revelation.

- ⁴ Grace to you and peace from God who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne,
- ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood,
- ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.
- ⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.
- ⁸ 'I am the Alpha and the Omega,' says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

GOSPEL John 18.33b–37

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

- ³³ Pilate asked Jesus, 'Are you the King of the Jews?'
- ³⁴ Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?'
- ³⁵ Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?'
- ³⁶ Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.'
- ³⁷ Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

THIS WEEK

Mon	26	Nov	Toddlers' Group	10.00 - 11.30am
			Emmaus Course (Vicarage)	1.00pm
Tue	27	Nov	Emmaus Course (Vicarage)	7.00pm
Wed	28	Nov	Coffee in Church	10.30am-12 noon
			(Wedding rehearsal	7.00pm)
Thur	29	Nov	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			Choir Practice	7.00 - -8.30pm
Sat	1	Dec	Wedding	1.00pm
Sun	2	Dec	<u>ADVENT SUNDAY</u>	
			Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff)	8.00am
			SUNG EUCHARIST:	9.30am
			President: Fr Geoff and Preacher: Martin Heath	
			followed by Bring-&-Buy Sale in aid of Christingle	
			Evening Prayer in Lady Chapel	6.00pm

NOTICES

The CHRISTMAS FAIR raised £1317 which will be a great help to paying some of our household bills. Thank you very much to everyone who contributed to the success of the day. There is a list on the 'photograph' noticeboard listing full results.

EMMAUS –The next meetings will be on 26th and 27th November in the Vicarage. It's not too late to join in come along (with sandwiches/buffet food) for the next meeting.

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.

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. Tickets available at the door or on 07966 375967. Further details in *Sword*

Sunday, 9 December: Christingle Service at 11.15 am in aid of The Children's Society. Volunteers needed to make the Christingles on Saturday, 8 December during the morning. Please see Norma or Fay about the time.

Service for Compassionate Friends at 6 pm.

Saturday, 15 December at 7 pm South Oxhey Community Choirs will be giving a Christmas Concert in St Michael's. **Members of the community choirs will be coming to our 9.30 service on 2 December with tickets for the concert. If you would like to buy some please remember to bring some cash or a cheque.**

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