



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

27 October 2013

A warm welcome to our services today.

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

Hymns: 175(i), 423(i), 372 and 626

Setting: Rawsthorne

Coffee and tea 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 is at 6.00pm

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Parish of Stocking Pelham in our Diocese.
The Diocese of Torit (Sudan), Bernard Oringa Balmoi its Bishop and all its people.

The work of the Anglican Church in Angola.

The World: People who work for, and use the services of Relate.

People affected by bush fires in Australia.

People affected by infertility.

The Community and Parish: Our supported charities.

The Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church.

Staff, pupils and families of our local schools.

The Ill and the Housebound: Especially Bruce Alexander, Janet Bridge, Jean and Robert Caton, Tony Coles, Peter Coley, Bill and Marion Craddock-Jones, Jean Crouch, Pamela Cutler, Audrey Dixon, Sandra Fullerton, Jenny Houghton, Audrey Jaquest, Mary Kearns, Lesley Kinch, Loretta Lynch, Jacqui Lyons, Audrey Morgan, Dorcas Ochola, Brian O’Riordan, Helen Perry, Myrtle Powell, Mark Pritchard, Christina and David Simon, Mark Simon, Phoebe Tolley, Anne Wightman and Andrew Williams.

The Departed:

Collect

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Joel 2.23–32

A reading from the book of the prophet Joel.

- 23 O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the LORD your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before.
- 24 The threshing-floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.
- 25 I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you.
- 26 You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame.
- 27 You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.
- 28 Then afterwards I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions.
- 29 Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit.
- 30 I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke.
- 31 The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the LORD comes.
- 32 Then everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the LORD has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the LORD calls.

SECOND READING 2 Timothy 4.6–8, 16–18

A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy.

- ⁶ As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come.
- ⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.
- ⁸ From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.
- ¹⁶ At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them!
- ¹⁷ But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth.
- ¹⁸ The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL Luke 18.9–14

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

- ⁹ Jesus also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt:
- ¹⁰ 'Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector.
- ¹¹ The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector.
- ¹² I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income."
- ¹³ But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!"
- ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.'

THIS WEEK

Mon	28	Oct	<i>Half Term week</i>	
			Toddlers' Group	10.00 – 11.30am
			Publicity Committee (Choir Vestry)	8.00pm
Tue	29	Oct	Mission Committee (Choir Vestry)	10.30am
Wed	30	Oct	Coffee in Church.	10.30am-12 noon
			PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL	7.55pm
Thu	31	Oct	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			Choir practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
Fri	1	Nov	ALL SAINTS	
			Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church	4.00 – 9.00pm
Sat	2	Nov	ALL SOULS	
			Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church	9.00am – 4.00pm
Sun	3	Nov	<u>Fourth Sunday before Advent</u>	
			Holy Communion	8.00am
			MEMORIAL SERVICE	
			SUNG EUCHARIST (President and Preacher: Fr Geoff	9.30am
			Names of the recently departed will be read and candles lit	
			Curates' reunion tea	3.00pm
			CHORAL EVENSONG	6.00pm

NOTICES

CURATES' REUNION TEA: Sunday, 3 November, from 3 pm. As the final occasion marking our centenary year we have invited all the past curates that we know about for a reunion tea to be followed by Choral Evensong at 6 pm. As far as we know Robert Sibson, William Burke, John Green and Paul Oxborrow will be coming and we also hope that John Brown will be present. All church members are invited to come to meet the ex-curates, chat, have some tea and join them for Choral Evensong.

FOOD BANK: There is a list of items of food that can be included in the food parcels at the back of church. If you would like to donate any of these items please bring them to church and put them in the box at the west end.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

16 November St Michael's Christmas Fair. Please read about it in the October edition of *SWORD* and make sure you have written the date in your diary. There is a table at the west end of the church with a list asking for volunteers to help with different jobs. Please sign this if you are able to help. There is also a box on the table for items that can be sold or used as raffle or tombola prizes. Please support St Michael's Christmas Fair as much as you can.

17 November Interfaith Pilgrimage starting from the Watford and District Synagogue in Nascot Road at 1.30 for 2pm. Visits four other places of worship in Watford: St Mary's Parish Church, the Central Mosque, Holy Rood Catholic Church, and finishes at the Gurdwara in Ladys Close.