



# THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

*St Michael and All Angels*

Watford

**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY  
MEMORIAL SERVICE  
3 November 2013**

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)**

**Setting: Aston**

Coffee and tea will be served in church after the 9.30 service – please stay on.

Curates' Reunion Tea from 3.00 pm (all invited, see inside)

CHORAL EVENSONG is at 6.00 pm

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

### **The Church:**

The Parish of Studham in our Diocese.

The Diocese of Udi (Nigeria), Chjioki Augustine Aneke, its Bishop and all its people.

The work of Us in advocacy.

### **The World:**

All those affected by recent bad weather.

Everyone finding difficulty with energy bills.

Charities helping bereaved people.

### **The Community and Parish:**

All families and friends whose loved ones we remember today.

Our local funeral directors and cemetery and crematorium workers.

The bereavement ministry of our church.

### **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:**

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## 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 Wisdom of Solomon 3.1–5,9

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

- <sup>1</sup> The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment  
will ever touch them.
- <sup>2</sup> In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their  
departure was thought to be a disaster,  
<sup>3</sup> and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at  
peace.
- <sup>4</sup> For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is  
full of immortality.
- <sup>5</sup> Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because  
God tested them and found them worthy of himself;
- <sup>9</sup> Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will  
abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy  
ones, and he watches over his elect.

## GOSPEL John 6.35-40

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

- <sup>35</sup> Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.
- <sup>36</sup> But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe.
- <sup>37</sup> Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away;
- <sup>38</sup> for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me.
- <sup>39</sup> 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.
- <sup>40</sup> 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.”



CURATES' REUNION TEA: This afternoon, 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 William Burke, Grantley Finlayson, John Green, Paul Oxborrow and Robert Sibson 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.

## THIS WEEK

Mon	4	Nov	Toddlers' Group	10.00 – 11.30am
Tue	5	Nov	Service at River Court	3.00pm
Wed	6	Nov	Coffee in Church.	10.30am-12 noon
Thu	7	Nov	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			Fairhaven	morning
			Choir practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
Sat	9	Nov	(RSCM examinations (Choir Vestry)	9.00am – 1.30pm
Sun	10	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

The CHANTRY LIST (all the names in our Book of Remembrance) will be read at the Service on Thursday, 7 November, at 10 am. Everyone welcome.

WATFORD & THREE RIVERS REFUGEE PROJECT: A short note to convey our sincere thanks to everyone for donating goods to the project from your recent Harvest Festival Service. We rely very much on the goods donated at Harvest and these will help keep our stores well stocked for a few months. We will be distributing them to the twenty five families we are helping over the next few months, and as they are neither allowed to work or receive benefits, they will be very grateful.

LAST SUNDAY'S BRING-&-BUY SALE raised £51. Many thanks to all.

### 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.

17 November                      Messy Church                      The first session to be held at St Michael's Church from 2.30 - 4 pm. Take a handbill from the back of church.