



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

**THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
10 November 2013**

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist Fr Geoff celebrates and preaches and Graham Mordue leads the intercessions. The service will include the laying of a poppy wreath.

Hymns: 537, 338, 352(ii), 384 and 447

Setting: Aston

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

Service of Praise and Thanksgiving at 11.15am.

(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church 1.00 – 5.00pm.)

Evening Service at 6.00pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Parish of Therfield in our Diocese.

The Diocese of Utah (USA) Scott Hayashi its Bishop and all its people.

The Anglican Church in Sri Lanka.

The World: All those disabled, traumatised or bereaved through war.

All people working for world peace.

Serving members of our Armed Forces.

The Community and Parish: The Royal British Legion, RAF Association, and other ex service peoples organisations.

All those whose names are on our war memorials.

All those with relatives in conflict areas.

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

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 Job 19.23–27a

A reading from the book of Job. Job said to his companions:

- 23 'O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book!
24 O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock for ever!
25 For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth;
26 and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God,
27 whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.'

SECOND READING 2 Thessalonians 2.1–5, 13–17

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

- 1 As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters,
2 not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here.
3 Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction.
4 He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God.
5 Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?
13 But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth.

- 14 For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news,
so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- 15 So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that
you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.
- 16 Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us
and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope,
- 17 comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

GOSPEL Luke 20.27–38

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

- 27 Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus,
and asked him a question,
- 28 ‘Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies, leaving a wife but
no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his
brother.
- 29 Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless;
30 then the second
31 and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless.
32 Finally the woman also died.
- 33 In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the
seven had married her.’
- 34 Jesus said to them, ‘Those who belong to this age marry and are given in
marriage;
- 35 but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the
resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage.
- 36 Indeed they cannot die any more, because they are like angels and are
children of God, being children of the resurrection.
- 37 And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story
about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the
God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.
- 38 Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are
alive.’

THIS WEEK

Mon	11	Nov	Toddlers' Group	10.00 – 11.30am
Wed	13	Nov	Coffee in Church. Service at Home Manor	10.30am-12 noon 3.00pm
Thu	14	Nov	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language) Choir practice	10.00am 7.00 – 8.30pm
Fri	15	Nov	Set up for Christmas Fair	from 2.30pm
Sat	16	Nov	CHRISTMAS FAIR (See Notices)	11.00am – 2.30pm
Sun	17	Nov	<u>2nd SUNDAY before ADVENT</u> Holy Communion (Pres: Fr Geoff) SUNG EUCHARIST: President and Preacher: Fr Geoff The service will include a Baptism. (Interfaith Pilgrimage Messy Church SIX O'CLOCK Series	8.00am 9.30am from 1.30pm 2.30 – 4.00pm 6.00pm

NOTICES

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. At present we still need people to sell raffle tickets and to sell toys and to relieve some of the stallholders who would like to have lunch during the fair.

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 at St Michael's** from 2.30- 4pm. Fun, games, stories, food and craft for all the family. More information from Fr Geoff or Kristine Jenkins.

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

St Michael and All Angels PCC is a Registered Charity No 1132010