



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

CHRIST THE KING

24 November 2013

A warm welcome to our services today.

At the 9.30 am Eucharist Fr Geoff celebrates and preaches and John Adams leads the intercessions.

Hymns: 398, 443, 601 and 563

Setting: Rawsthorne

Tea and coffee will be served in church after the 9.30 service and there is a Bring-&-Buy Sale – please stay on.

(Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church

1.00 – 5.00pm)

Evening Prayer at 6.00pm.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Parish of Wallington in our Diocese.

The Diocese of Washington (USA) Mariann Edgar Budd, its Bishop and all its People.

Volunteers with the United Society (Us).

The World: The process of recovery in the Philippines.

All who are carers for elderly people and people with disabilities.

Sufferers from Alcoholism.

The Community and Parish: Chater Infants School.

That we may all grow deeper in our prayer life.

Harmony between people of different faiths and cultures.

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

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 Jeremiah 23.1–6

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

- 1 Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!
says the LORD.
- 2 Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD.
- 3 Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply.
- 4 I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.
- 5 The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.
- 6 In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

SECOND READING Colossians 1.11–20

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

Brothers and sisters:

- 11 May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience,
- 12 while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light.
- 13 He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son,

14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation;
16 for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and
invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things
have been created through him and for him.
17 He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.
18 He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn
from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything.
19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
20 and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether
on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

GOSPEL Luke 23.33–43

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

33 When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus
there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left.
34 Then Jesus said, ‘Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are
doing.’ And they cast lots to divide his clothing.
35 And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying,
‘He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his
chosen one!’
36 The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine,
37 and saying, ‘If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!’
38 There was also an inscription over him, ‘This is the King of the Jews.’
39 One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying,
‘Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!’
40 But the other rebuked him, saying, ‘Do you not fear God, since you are
under the same sentence of condemnation?’
41 And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we
deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.’
42 Then he said, ‘Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.’
43 Jesus replied, ‘Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.’

THIS WEEK

Mon	25	Nov	Toddlers' Group	10.00 – 11.30am
Wed	27	Nov	<i>Electrical Inspection of Church starts</i> Coffee in Church.	10.30am-12 noon
			Chater Infants School Visiting Church	1.15 - 2.45pm
Thu	28	Nov	Holy Communion (Order One in Traditional Language)	10.00am
			Healthwise (in Choir Vestry)	2.30pm
			Choir practice	7.00 – 8.30pm
Sun	1	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 a Bring-&-Buy Sale in aid of Christingle	
			Joint Evening Service at Trinity Methodist	6.30pm

NOTICES

FINAL COPY DATE FOR THE DECEMBER SWORD is MIDDAY today Sunday, 24 November. Hard copy or floppy disc to Dennis Beach or email to dhbeach@sky.com.

FOOD BANK: Don't forget that we are still collecting. There is a list of the items of food that can be included in the food parcels in particular there is a need for tinned meat and meat pies, and UHT milk. 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.

BRING-&-BUY SALES: Today is the final sale this year when you will have an opportunity to contribute to church funds through one of Norma's Bring-&-Buy Sales. Make sure you look over her tables in the north aisle today. However, next Sunday (1st December) Norma will have a sale in aid of the Christingle Service which is to be held on 8 December at 11.15 am. The money raised will pay for the cost of the items needed to make up the Christingles. These will be made on Saturday, 7 December. If you are able to help please see Norma for details.

ELECTRICAL INSPECTION OF CHURCH: All buildings used by the public have to have an electrical inspection every 5 years. St Michael's will be inspected next week, starting at 8.30 am on Wednesday, 27 November and going on for 3 days. Wednesday coffee morning, Thursday 10 am service and Healthwise will be held as usual. If you come into church for anything on these 3 days please take care.

SOUTH OXHEY CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT: Will be held in St Michael's on Saturday, 7 December at 7 pm. Further details from Pat Beach or see handbills.

HEALTHWISE AT ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH: On Thursday afternoons from 2.30-3.30 pm, in the Choir Vestry, sitting on chairs for gentle exercise, chatting about healthy living, sharing recipes, etc. run by Sarah Hill (0754 214 2810).

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