

Happening in church this week..

Monday	10am-12noon - Little Mick's toddler church 5.30pm - Evening Prayer
Tuesday	10am - Morning prayer
Wednesday	10am-12noon - Coffee morning and Foodbank 5.30pm - Eucharist
Thursday	9am - Morning prayer
Friday	5.30pm - Evening prayer
Sunday	9.30am - Sung Eucharist

Celebrating Our Community - this week we shine a spotlight on James and Jade

James and Jade from our Little Mick's family took time out of their busy day to hang our Christmas banner.

James and Jade, *Thank you!*

If you would like to shine a spotlight on someone, please email **halfsentence@gmail.com** with their name and a brief explanation.

First Aid Kits

Outside the clergy vestry.
In the ladies toilet.

Baby Changing

In the ladies toilet

Every donation that is made to **SAINT MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS PCC WATFORD** is gratefully received.

Code 20-91-79

Account 70409448.

Gift Aid? Please contact a warden.

Thank you very much!

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St Michael & All Angels,
Watford

THE MESSENGER



2ND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT Sunday 17th November 2024

A warm welcome to our service today. At communion, there will be a chalice on your left for those who wish to receive by drinking, and on your right for those who wish to receive by dipping their wafer in the wine. You are also welcome to just receive the bread.

Hymns
for this Sunday
are:

368

All my hope on
God is founded

391

Blessed are the
pure in heart

586

The God of Abraham
praise and (omit *)

435

Glorious things of
thee are spoken

In your prayers this week:

The Church

Holy Trinity (Stevenage) Rev Dr Ruth Carroll, Andy Thomas,(Rs) Keith Battarbee, Clive Bell, (LLW) Glynis Ireton. Giving thanks for their social outreach and pray for meeting the needs of their children and young people.

ACP: The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

Leaders of the Church of England during these times of uncertainty

The World

Ukraine, Gasa, Israel, Lebanon

All affected by climate change and all working to address climate change

The Community and Parish

Loving God, we pray that our church of St Michael and All Angels may be a place of welcome, security and compassion. Keep us watchful yet caring, trusting yet ready to question. That all who worship here may do so in safety and in the knowledge of your love. Amen

The Ill and the Housebound

Especially Jean Alexander, Violet Allen-Smith, Julie Alvarez, Janet Chandler, Jemima Hill, Owen Hutchinson, Sylvia Obeng, Valerie O'Riordan, Matthew Paterson, Josephine Stadden, Catherine Stone, Fay Storey, Adelaide Tonkin and all who care for them.

The Departed

Collect

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING

Daniel 12.1-3

The Resurrection of the Dead

‘At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 10. 11-25

And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, ‘he sat down at the right hand of God’, and since then has been waiting ‘until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.’ For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, ‘This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says

A Call to Persevere

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

GOSPEL

Mark 13. 1-8

The Destruction of the Temple Foretold

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, ‘Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!’ Then Jesus asked him, ‘Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.’

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ‘Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?’ Then Jesus began to say to them, ‘Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, “I am he!” and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.