

Dates for your diary..

Every Wednesday 10am-12noon

The Church will be open for tea and coffee

Monday and Friday at 5.30pm

Join us in the Lady Chapel for evening prayer.

Saturday 30th November 11.30 – 14.30

Christmas Fair - see insert for more information.

Celebrating Our Community - this week we shine a spotlight on Steve Birch

A heartfelt thank you to Steve for dedicating his time and creativity to designing such a fabulous welcoming sign for our coffee morning! What a lovely way to invite passers by into our church for a coffee or tea and a chat!

Steve, *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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Watford

THE MESSENGER



ALL SAINTS Sunday 3rd 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.

Bread of friendship is also offered.

Hymns
for this Sunday
are:

232

For all the saints
(omit vv 3,4,5)

SHEET

Fill you hearts with
joy and gladness

383

Be still, for the
presence of the
Lord

380

At the name of
Jesus (omit *
verses)

In your prayers this week:

The Church

Parish of Radlett in the Deanery of St Albans. Oliver Blease (Rs),
Eileen Bigg, John Hayes.
The Church of the Province of South East Asia

The World

Gaza, Lebanon, Israel, Ukraine
All those affected by climate change especially today the
people of Spain.

The Community and Parish

Our Little Mick's toddler group, our growing children and
youth groups.
Local Police service.

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

Sybil Jenkins,
Beatitude Catholicos Mor Baseliose Thomas I. The Supreme
Head of The JSOC Church in India

Collect

Almighty and eternal God, you have kindled the flame of love in the hearts of the saints: grant to us the same faith and power of love, that, as we rejoice in their triumphs, we may be sustained by their example and fellowship; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING

Revelation 21:1-6a

The New Heaven and the New Earth

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.'

And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.'

GOSPEL

John 11: 34-44

He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

Jesus Raises Lazarus to Life

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'