

Happening in church this week..

Wednesday 10am-12noon - Coffee morning and Foodbank
16.30 - Crib Service

Thursday 10.00 - Christmas Day service - Sung Eucharist

Sunday 9.30am - Sung Eucharist

**Celebrating Our Community - this week
we shine a spotlight on our Choir and two
Organists**

You keep our worship harmonious and tuneful.
You are wonderful.

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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For Home Communion

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*Thank
you!*



St Michael & All Angels,
Watford

THE MESSENGER



4TH SUNDAY ADVENT O ORIENS

Sunday 21st December 2025

Welcome to our service today. Father Robert is
presiding.

Hymns

for this Sunday
are:

242

'The angel Gabriel
from heaven came'

238

'For Mary, Mother
of our Lord'

309

'Let all mortal
flesh keep silence'

362

'Tell out
my soul'

In your prayers this week:

The Church

Welwyn Garden City (Welwyn Hatfield) In vacancy

ACP: Anglican Church of Burundi

The World

For all who face discrimination, especially today those affected by the
violence at Bondi. Comfort the hurting, calm the fearful, and guide leaders
to protect life, keep peace, and keep all people safe.

The Community and Parish

All who find this season difficult; those facing financial strain, missing
loved ones, or carrying anxiety. Bless and protect all who work and serve at
this time. Grant peace, strength, and hope.

The Ill and the Housebound

Especially John Adams, Jean Alexander, Julie Alvarez, David Dimmock, Mihai
Fezariu, Zuzana Hruskova, Owen Hutchinson, Sylvia Obeng, Valerie
O'Riordan, Morris Parbhu, Fay Storey, Keziah Thairu, Adelaide Tonkin and all
who care for them

The Departed

Collect

God our redeemer who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our Judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 7.10–16

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be

deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also?Therefore the Lord

himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child

knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

This is the word of the Lord.

SECOND READING

Romans 1.1–7

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy

scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David

according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the

obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including

yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all Gods beloved in

Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

This is the word of the Lord

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 1.18–end

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a

dream and said, Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. All this took

place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means, God is with us. When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

This is the Gospel of the Lord