

Happening in church this week..

Monday 10am-12md Little Mick's
5.30pm - Evening Prayer
Wednesday 10am-12noon - Coffee morning and Foodbank
5.30pm - Eucharist
Friday 5.30pm - Evening prayer
Sunday 9.30am - Sung Eucharist

Celebrating Our Community - this week we shine a spotlight on Rebecca Bishop,

Our heartfelt thanks for Rebecca, who generously shared her skills and teamwork in typing and preparing the Carol words, helping to create and enrich our planned parish Carol Service.

*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.

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Account 70409448.

Gift Aid? Please contact a warden.

Thank you very much!

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Watford

THE MESSENGER



3RD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Sunday November 9th 2025

Welcome to our service today. Father Robert Fletcher is presiding. The service will conclude with the national anthem followed by prayers at the War Memorial Cross.

Hymns
for this Sunday
are:

537

O God our help

496

Lead us, heavenly
Father, lead us

411

Dear Lord and
Father of mankind

355

I vow to thee
my country

In your prayers this week:

The Church

St Albans, St Michael (St Albans) Jonathon Lloyd, John Bannister

ACP: Church in the Province of the West Indies

The World

God of peace, we remember the fallen. Grant us courage, compassion, and hope to build a just and peaceful world.

God of strength, protect our armed services. Grant them courage, wisdom, and safety, and bring peace to all who serve.

God of love, as we remember the fallen, inspire us to honour their sacrifice by caring for creation and pursuing peace.

The Community and Parish

God of peace, bless our parish and community. Unite us in remembrance, service, and love, that we may live faithfully together.

The Ill and the Housebound

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

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

1 Kings 3:3-14

Solomon showed his love for the Lord by walking according to the instructions given him by his father David, except that he offered sacrifices and burned incense on the high places. The king went to Gibeon to offer sacrifices, for that was the most important high place, and Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, “Ask for whatever you want me to give you.” Solomon answered, “You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day. “Now, Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?” The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. So God said to him, “Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be. Moreover, I will give you what you have not asked for - both wealth and honour - so that in your lifetime you will have no equal among kings. And if you walk in obedience to me and keep my decrees and commands as David your father did, I will give you a long life.”

This is the word of the Lord.

SECOND READING

Romans 8 31-end

More Than Conquerors

What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all - how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died - more than that, who was raised to life - is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: “For your sake we face death all day long; are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.” No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 22:15-22

Paying the Imperial Tax to Caesar

Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. “Teacher,” they said, “we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren’t swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?” But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, “You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? Show me the coin used for paying the tax.” They brought him a denarius, and he asked them, “Whose image is this? And whose inscription?” “Caesar’s,” they replied. Then he said to them, “So give back to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and to God what is God’s.” When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away

This is the Gospel of the Lord.