



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
30 October 2022

Welcome to our service today. We are now able to receive the wine 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.

Hymn numbers are CP232 For all the saints, CP519 Make me a channel of your peace, CP 54 I cannot tell), CP585 The Church's one foundation.

For your prayers this week:

The Church: The Parish of Frogmore in our Diocese.
The Anglican Church of Chile.
Bishops beginning ministry in Newcastle, Liverpool and Beverley.

The World: People living in areas of conflict.
The people of Iran.
Our Government, Opposition and Members of Parliament.

The Community and Parish: Watford Celebration.
Faith and cultural communities in Watford.
The Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church.

The Ill and the Housebound: Especially Jean Alexander, Violet Allen-Smith, Pat Beach, Andy Benoy, Janet Chandler, Jemima Hill, Keith Levinson, Lisa Mills, Josephine Stadden, Catherine Stone, Fay Storey, Adelaide Tonkin, and all who care for them.

The Departed:

Collect

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you;
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 Daniel 7.1–3, 15–18

A reading from the book of Daniel.

- ¹ In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream:
² I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea,
³ and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.
¹⁵ As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me.
¹⁶ I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter:
¹⁷ 'As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth.
¹⁸ But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom for ever – for ever and ever.'

SECOND READING Ephesians 1.11–23

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

- ¹¹ In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will,
¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory.
¹³ In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit;
¹⁴ this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.
¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason

¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers.
¹⁷ I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him,
¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints,
¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.
²⁰ God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places,
²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come.
²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church,
²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

GOSPEL Luke 6.20–31

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

²⁰ Jesus looked up at his disciples and said: ‘Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.
²¹ Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.
²² Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man.
²³ Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.
²⁴ But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.
²⁵ Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.
²⁶ Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.
²⁷ But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.
²⁸ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt.
²⁹ Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again.
³⁰ Do to others as you would have them do to you.’
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Our Eucharist for **the ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY** is available to attend in person or via livestream on our YouTube channel "St Michael's Church Watford"
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8GTX0MfiICGmcDUkXTGFSw>

The 10.00am Eucharist on Thursdays is also available to attend in person, and livestreamed.

The Church will be open for tea and coffee on Wednesday mornings from 10.00am – 12.00 noon.

Christmas Fair 3rd December 2022 11.00 -14.00: Please support this our biggest fundraising event of the year.

With the planning underway we would be delighted to receive your offers of help. To this end we are asking for donations of items suitable for:-

Children's Tombola (new or clean, good quality used)

Bottles of all shapes, sizes and contents for Bottle Bag stall

Items suitable for a Raffle.

If you cannot source these items but would still like to support the event then maybe you could consider sponsoring a table allowing us to buy anything required.

Donations can be brought in on Sundays from now. Our aim is to make the fair as much fun as possible. Signup sheets will be in church for other offers of help.

Thank you. *Elizabeth and Valerie.*

Flower Arranging Workshop Saturday 12th November 2- 4 pm. Come along and make a flower arrangement using the many artificial flowers and vases we have in church that have been donated over the years and lovingly looked after by Fay.

The aim is to have some fun together and to make an arrangement you can buy and take away on the day or leave to be sold at the Christmas Fair or help make some colour themed arrangements that will be used to decorate the church during the appropriate season of the Church calendar.

Contact Valerie using email: churchwardens@stmichaels-watford.org.uk to book a place.

Watford Celebration 2022 will be in the Charter Place open air part of the Atria Shopping Centre on Sunday 30th October from 11am-3.00pm, with a Sacred Space discussion from 3.00pm until 4.30pm in another part of Atria.