



# Newsletter and Notices

# Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2020 St Michael and all Angels



***This Sunday we celebrate our Patronal Festival!***

**8am Said Holy Communion, Service in Church**

**10am Service of the Word, Service in Church & broadcast by [Zoom](#)**

You are welcome to share in our worship in the following ways:

**1. Come to Church** All are welcome! Remember to bring your order of service.

**2. Join with Zoom on your computer**

When you are signed in you can 'Join a Meeting'.

Meeting ID **846 662 9590**, (Password **834900**).

**3. Join with Audio Zoom via phone**

a) Call **0131 460 1196**

b) Enter Meeting ID: **846 662 9590** followed by #

c) You may be asked to enter Participant ID: press #

d) Enter Meeting Password: **834900** followed by #

*You will be muted automatically when you join the 'meeting' (service).*

Whether or not you might like to do this, let's be aware of the prayerful communion in God's Spirit that we all share, wherever we are, whether or not we are able to talk, video-conference or communicate with one another.

***I mention you always in my prayers, asking that somehow by God's will, I may succeed in coming to you. For I long to see you, that I may impart some spiritual gift to strengthen you, that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith. Romans 1. 9-11***

### **Collect for Michael and All Angels**

Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted the ministries of angels and mortals in a wonderful order: grant that as your holy angels always serve you in heaven, so, at your command, they may help and defend us on earth; 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. Amen.

### **Gospel for Michael and All Angels, Matthew 18. 10-14**

'Take care that you do not despise one of these little ones; for, I tell you, in heaven their angels continually see the face of my Father in heaven. What do you think? If a shepherd has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. So it is not the will of your Father in heaven that one of these little ones should be lost.'

### **An anthem for Michael and All Angels**

Last year, our Choir sang 'Give us the wings of faith' (Bullock), at our 10am service. You might like to listen to [this version](#) and follow the words, from St John's College, Cambridge.

**Psalm for Michael and All Angels, Psalm 91**

***Refrain: Keep me as the apple of your eye.***

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides under the shadow of the Almighty, Shall say to the Lord,

'My refuge and my stronghold, my God, in whom I put my trust.' [R]

For he shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence.

He shall cover you with his wings and you shall be safe under his feathers;

his faithfulness shall be your shield and buckler. [R]

You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, nor of the arrow that flies by day; Of the pestilence that stalks in darkness,

nor of the sickness that destroys at noonday. [R] Though a thousand fall at your side and ten thousand at your right hand, yet it shall not come near you.

Your eyes have only to behold to see the reward of the wicked. [R]

Because you have made the Lord your refuge and the Most High your stronghold, There shall no evil happen to you, neither shall any plague come near your tent. [R]

For he shall give his angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways. They shall bear you in their hands, lest you dash your foot against a stone.

You shall tread upon the lion and adder; the young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot. [R]

Because they have set their love upon me, therefore will I deliver them; I will lift them up, because they know my name.

They will call upon me and I will answer them; I am with them in trouble, I will deliver them and bring them to honour.

With long life will I satisfy them and show them my salvation. [R]

### **Children's resources for families to share together –**

Do have a look at the [printable sheet on our website!](#) It offers a prayer and activities that will help young people get to know the person of Jesus. This week's is based on the New Testament reading for Trinity 16 from Philippians 2. 1-13.

Next, share in this week's Godly Story (a fantastic visual version of the scriptures in age appropriate language). It's 'The story of the two sons' from Matthew's Gospel for Trinity 16 (Matthew 21. 23-32) with wondering questions for families to talk about together. Find the video on YouTube [here](#). Why not try it once you've had a go at the activities on the ROOTS printout?





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### The church is open for Personal Prayer

11am-1pm Monday to Friday, 10-11am Saturday, 10:45-11:30am Sunday

**Participation at services in church and via Zoom** – It is good to be developing a kind of 'hybrid' church in this period while some of us are able to gather in the building and others are worshipping at home. It's good too to share the leading of our services between a range of voices. If anyone else would like to volunteer to participate in services – reading, praying, etc., do please let us know. This can be in person in church, or, for 10am services, via Zoom, if you cannot yet be with us in the building. **We would also value more stewards: for the Personal Prayer sessions, for 10am on Wednesdays and for 10am on Sundays.** Thank you for considering. Derwyn.

**The Food Bank are looking to appoint a new Coordinator** to lead their team of volunteers as they plan to meet the challenge of helping those in crisis during this difficult time. The job description and application form (to be completed online) can be found on their website at <https://www.bishopsstortfordfoodbank.com/>

**Today is the last day of the Covid-19 Mega Red Bucket Appeal** from the Charities Support Group. Contributions can be made by cash or cheque in church today. Full details for donating by BACS, text or cheque are on the [website](#).

### Harvest Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> October

**Next Sunday we will celebrate harvest at 8am and 10am services**

There will be a Red Bucket for the Bishop's Appeal, *Creating a Buzz in Nepal*. Since the devastating earthquakes in 2015, Nepalese people are growing to appreciate the value of beekeeping. Bees help to maintain the fragile biodiversity, as pollinators, to enhance crop production and a good income can be generated from sales of honey.

We are also requesting food gifts for Bishop's Stortford Food Bank. It's going to be a little different this year. We are asking people to leave their items in a box in the North Porch as they arrive. The boxes will be taken to the Food Bank a few days later. [Please see our website for recommended donations](#). Please may we encourage those present on Zoom to take their food items to one of the supermarkets that have one of the Food Bank donation boxes.

**Thank you in advance for your support.**

**Activities in Church.** If you need to carry out any activities in Church, please co-ordinate this with the Parish Office and make arrangements with a keyholder (such as a Warden) to access the Church at a suitable time. Please arrange any such activities to take place outside the times when the Church is open for private prayer.

**The Children's Society consider it appropriate for the emptying of house collecting boxes to start again.** Since a box-opening coffee morning is still not feasible, we'll collect boxes at 10am Sunday Services, using suitable Covid precautions. **For the next couple of Sundays** we will bring a container in which to place your box, and will contact you after counting. If you're unable to come to Church, please phone 659476 and we can make alternative arrangements. Many thanks to our box-holders for all their help, Pat and Alan Matthews.

**Holy Communion on Wednesdays** – Derwyn will be presiding at Holy Communion in church on **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September**, and the service will also be broadcast by Zoom for those unable to attend in person. Meeting ID 846 662 9590, Password 834900. You can also dial in by phone as per instructions on previous page.

**Prayers for our Community, 9:30am, Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October** – We meet in Church each Saturday for a half hour session of informal prayer. All welcome.

**Royal School of Church Music Area Choirs Festival, Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October** – It's a virtual choir this year, with music recorded in advance. Links for recording available soon and the deadline for sending recordings will be Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October. The Bishop of St Albans will preach and the Dean of St Albans will host the service in the Cathedral via Zoom. See the [RSCM St Albans website](#) for more information.

**APCM, Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October at 11am in Church** – The agenda is on our website [here](#). Please note we also plan to broadcast the APCM by Zoom, details to follow.

**St Michael's School needs a new school governor** – At present all meetings take place virtually and the usual programme of governor visits to school has been paused but governors still have an important role to play in these challenging times for children's education. If you are interested in supporting our local church school and would like to find out more about this voluntary role, please contact the Parish Office.

**Knitting for refugees and others in need** – Does anyone know of local or UK needs for garments (aged 0-7)? Also, if anyone wishes to help me in knitting I can offer some balls of wool and easy patterns too. Many thanks, Rosemary (758389).

**If you'd like the Prayer Chain to pray for some concern which is on your heart,** please make your prayer request to the coordinator, Diane Pettitt: [diane.pettitt@hotmail.com](mailto:diane.pettitt@hotmail.com) / 461845. Requests are strictly confidential to the Prayer Chain, who will simply pray as asked and a request won't lead to further contact or action. If a request to the Prayer Chain would help, don't hesitate to make it.

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