

### Newsletter and Notices

# Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2021 St Michael and All Angels



# 8am Holy Communion, in Church 10am 'Angel Voices' Songs of Praise, in Church & Zoom

Come and enjoy refreshments in (or outside) the WCC after the 10am service.

There will be a Zoom link to the WCC over refreshments this Sunday (login details below). There will probably be a break in transmission, so any participants who wish to share this through Zoom will need to log in again.

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 for the 10am service.

2. Join Zoom on your computer

When signed in you can 'Join a Meeting' (ID: 846 662 9590 / Passcode: 834900).

3. Join with Audio Zoom via phone a) Call 0131 460 1196

b) Enter Meeting ID followed by **#**, then enter Meeting Passcode followed by **#** You will be muted automatically when you join the 'meeting' (service).

#### 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.



# A Gospel reading for Michael and All Angels, John 1. 47-51

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

#### A Psalm for Michael and All Angels, Psalm 91

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.'

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

# Come and share our short session for children and young people during our Sunday 10am service EVERY WEEK!

We invite children, with their adults, to come into the Lady Chapel during part of the service, and share in a short Godly Play (a visual storytelling of scriptures, with wondering questions for all ages to share together). There will be a display in the Lady Chapel most weeks, if you'd like to find out more! This week we'll be sharing a story of angels.

You might also like to explore the links on our <a href="Children & Young People">Children & Young People</a> page. There's a <a href="printable sheet">printable sheet</a> which offers a prayer/activities that will help young people get to know the person of Jesus. This week's is based on today's Gospel reading.



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The church is open each day, from early morning to mid afternoon.

An opportunity to spend some comforting time in prayer, peace and reflection.

Prayers for our Community in Church, Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September 9:30am A half hour session of informal prayer. All welcome.

'Angel Voices' Songs of Praise, this Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September – This Sunday is our Patronal Festival when we celebrate the Feast of St Michael and All Angels. At our 10am service we will share a sequence of music and songs of praise, scriptures and prayers. After the service, please also join us in/outside the Charnley Hall to celebrate Derwyn's 25 plus years as a priest. Cake and drinks will be served.

Children's Society Box opening, Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September – Boxholders, please bring your boxes into church to give to Pat and Alan Matthews on either of these dates...and claim your free coffee from them on that day too! Pat and Alan will return the boxes to you in due course. If any new folks would be interested in having a charity box at home for the next year, please speak to Pat/Alan on the day.

We are planning a TLC "Club". Would you consider helping? We have a planning meeting for potential helpers this Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm in the WCC. It may begin with a monthly event (from 2-4:30pm), perhaps becoming a weekly get together for anyone who wishes to attend. The idea is for members of our community to be able to join in with tea and talk and perhaps opportunities such as making greetings cards, small flower arrangements, board games ... and then we hope that later each afternoon we could welcome families after school for a short while, to share in reading/play.

**Join Stort Valleys Schools Trust in praying for our local schools!** The National Day of Prayer for Schools, this Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September, is an opportunity for all Christians to come together in prayer for our schools, staff and pupils. To find out more, visit the SVST website

**Holy Communion, Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September, 10am –** A service of Holy Communion, in church and **via Derwyn's Zoom (ID 846 662 9590, Passcode 834900)**. You can also dial in by phone; instructions on previous page.

**'All new' Tiny Tots, Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September, 11 for 11:15am –** We're delighted to be offering a new style of worship for babies/toddlers and their parents / carers. Refreshments available before/after the service.

**Harvest, Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October –** We'll celebrate harvest at 8am and 10am services. There will be a Red Bucket for the Bishop's Appeal, *Water is Life,* bringing clean, safe water to communities in the Democratic Republic of Congo, bringing with it transformation to daily lives and hope for the future. Life in the DRC is tough. With a history of civil war, widespread poverty and a cycle of conflict and displacement, communities struggle every day. Also, more than 70 per cent of the DRC population use unsafe drinking water and so daily encounter the devastatingly high risk of cholera, a preventable disease. We are also requesting food gifts for Bishop's Stortford Food Bank.

**Autism:** the Theory and the Experience, Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October, 7pm-9pm – A talk delivered by PACT for Autism, a Harlow based charity. For the Zoom link, please contact <a href="mailto:anne.brolly@ntlworld.com">anne.brolly@ntlworld.com</a>. Event arranged by our Bellringers Appeal Team and the Heritage Lottery Grant, which includes funding for training.

**Saying Goodbye Service, Chelmsford Cathedral, 9th October at 2pm –** A baby loss remembrance and support service, part of nationwide events.

An opportunity to sing with other local church choirs at a Festival Evensong – East Herts Church Choirs Association have their next Festival Evensong (with rehearsal in the afternoon) at Hatfield Broad Oak on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October, with preparatory rehearsal on the morning of Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October here at St Michael's. See <u>EHCCA website</u> for details. Singers and members of the congregation who have missed the part choral evensong has played in our worshipping diet are warmly invited to join together to share in this special act of worship.

Commemoration All Souls' Service, 10am, Sunday 31st October – All are warmly welcome. More details coming soon.

**Organ Recital with Richard Carr, Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November –** Proceeds to the Bells Appeal. More details soon!

**Salisbury Flower Festival 10-12<sup>th</sup> May 2022 –** There is a folder in the Publicity Area for people to register interest. Please do so soon so that we can make a definite booking! Any questions, please contact Rosemary Thomson.

**Director of Music appointment at St Michael's Church –** There is some work to be done to fix final details of the appointment process, and for the PCC to make the decision officially to launch it. I hope the process will launch officially early in October. In the meantime, the PCC has already agreed the Prospectus, which can be viewed on our website <a href="here">here</a>. It's available to all to share, as may be helpful. And for any possibly interested candidates, indicates what we will be seeking, when the official appointment process starts. Thank you, Derwyn.

Considering schools for your little ones? Come join our St Michaels' School Family! We offer all day provision in Nursery. Do look at our school website and follow the link for the virtual tour to find out more about our wonderful school and our 'Outstanding' (OFSTED 2019) Early Years.

**Autumn/Winter church opening –** The Church will be locked at 3:30pm Monday - Thursday. Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays may be a little later to accommodate visitors.

More details of all services and events are available on the <u>Calendar</u> page on our website. Do follow us on Social Media too, for regular updates. **Website: www.saintmichaelweb.org.uk\_** 

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