THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHRISTCHURCH



The Feast of St Michael and All Angels 29 September 2025

From the Vicar...

Dear friends,

A few weeks ago, Father Peter Williams sent me a short yet stimulating online article titled 'The Angels at the Edges: Why Anglicanism Still Needs the Unseen Guardians'. Written by an author who goes by the name 'The Hopeful Ordinand' (link to the article below for those interested). The article, as the title suggests argues that in modern Anglicanism, we have developed an uncomfortableness speaking about the Angels. This shouldn't be the case as we have always held scripture in high esteem and as the Hopeful Ordinand argues 'When we open the Bible, angels are everywhere, not as decorative flourishes, but as participants in the drama of salvation. Jacob dreams of them climbing a ladder between heaven and earth, Isaiah is purified by a coal pressed to his lips, shepherds in Bethlehem hear their midnight song, and Peter is led out of prison by one who opens the barred door.'

As we approach our Patronal Festival, The Feast of St Michael and All Angels this coming week, Angels are of course, on the mind. However, despite our obvious focus on Angels at this upcoming Feast and octave it is safe to say that the Anglican Church often doesn't know how to deal with the Angels, those supernatural messengers and protectors of the faithful. We of course live in a demythologised world, and this thinking has unfortunately over time made its way into the church. However, as The Hopeful Ordinand writes 'Cranmer's reforms pared back medieval excesses,' but also adds 'but they never denied angels.'

That is why the Feast of St Michael and All the Angels is so important. It makes us confront the scriptural witness of the Angels, those strange, enigmatic figures which are not merely background players but are involved in some of the most important mysteries of the church. The Hopeful Ordinand's perspective is that 'Anglican writers have always known this. Bishop Lancelot Andrewes, one of the great early divines of the Church of England, preached that angels were "God's messengers of comfort and correction" and reminded his congregations that they gather with us whenever we pray. George Herbert, in his poetry, saw prayer itself as "the soul in paraphrase, the heart in pilgrimage... something understood". These were words carried heavenward by angelic company.'

As we gather this week to celebrate the Angels and to ask for their continued protection may we have a profound sense that the unseen realm rejoices with us, those myriad 'of Angels and Archangels and all the company of heaven'.

https://theemberpost.substack.com/p/the-angels-at-the-edges-anglicans

God Bless,

Father Jordan

Fr. Jodan

Copies of the music for the mass setting and hymns are available from the Sides People.

Health & Safety Regulations: In an emergency, use the closest exit and assemble in the drop-off zone. In an earthquake, drop down and shelter behind or under a pew, covering your head. Follow instructions.

The Feast of St Michael and All Angels

Celebrant:Fr Jordan GreatbatchOrgan:Paul EllisPreacher:Fr Peter WilliamsConductor:Derek Ward

Sides People: Robert Maclagan, Maria Light

Soloists: Louise Glossop, Courtney Hickmott, Craig Knowles and Matthew Harris

Orchestra: 1st violins: Natalia Lomeiko, Bistra Dimitrova, Cornelia Didenco

2nd violins: Nicola Fogden-Smith, Kathleen Smith

Viola: Kaylene Murdoch Cello: Gerald Oliver D-bass : Melanie Ross

Mass Setting: Mass in G Franz Peter Schubert

Introit Hymn: 193 JM Neale

Stars of the morning, 'Who like the Lord?' so gloriously bright, thunders Michael the Chief; Filled with celestial Raphael, 'the Cure of God,'

resplendence and light, comforteth grief;

These that, And, as at Nazareth, prophet of peace,

where night never followeth day, Gabriel, 'the Light of God,'

Raise the Trisagion ever and ay: bringeth release.

These are thy counsellors,
these dost thou own,
Lord God of Sabaoth,
Then, when the earth
was first poised in mid space,
Then, when the planets first sped

nearest thy throne; on their race,

These are thy ministers, Then, when were ended these dost thou send, the six days' employ,

Help of the helpless ones, us to defend. Then all the Sons of God shouted for joy.

These keep the guard amid Still let them succour us; Salem's dear bowers; still let them fight,

Thrones, Principalities, Lord of angelic hosts, battling for right;

Virtues, and Powers; Till, where their anthems they

Where, with the Living Ones, mystical Four, ceaselessly pour,

Cherubim, Seraphim bow and adore. We with the angels may bow and adore.

Greeting:

Ki te ingoa o te ♣ Matua, me te Tamaiti, me te Wairua Tapu. **Āmine.** (In the name of the ♣ Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.)

The Lord be with you. The Lord bless you.

The Mass of the day is introduced and the people are invited to call to mind their sins.

God has promised forgiveness to all who truly repent, turn to Christ in faith and are themselves forgiving.

In silence we call to mind our sins.

Merciful God, we have sinned in what we have thought and said, in the wrong we have done, and in the good we have not done. We have sinned in ignorance: we have sinned in weakness: we have sinned through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry. We repent and turn to you. Forgive us, for our Saviour Christ's sake, and renew our lives to the glory of your name. Amen.

Kyrie: Choir

Kyrie, eleison. Christe, eleison. Kyrie, eleison.

Gloria: Choir

Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te,
Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam,
Domine Deus, Rex cælestis, Deus Pater omnipotens.
Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe, Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris,
Qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis;
Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram;
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis.
Quoniam tu solus sanctus, tu solus Dominus,
Tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe,

Gloria in excelsis Deo. Et in terra pax hominibus bonæ voluntatis.

Cum Sancto Spiritu, in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

Let us pray.

Eternal God, you have ordained and constituted in a wonderful order ministries both angelic and human; grant that as your holy angels stand before you in heaven, so at your command they may help and defend us here on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Daniel 7: 9-14 Gloria Moyle

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne; his clothing was white as snow and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. I watched then because of the noise of the arrogant words that the horn was speaking. And as I watched, the beast was put to death and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire. As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but their lives were prolonged for a season and a time. As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm:

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R. Before the angels I will sing your praises, O Lord.

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with all my heart; before the angels I will sing your praises. I will bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks because of your love and faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above all things. **R.**

On the day that I called you answered me, and put new strength within me. All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, when they hear the words of your mouth. **R.**

They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, that the glory of the Lord is great. For though Lord you are high, yet you care for the lowly; as for the proud, you humble them from afar. **R.**

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch out your hand against the enemies' rage, and your right hand will save me. You will fulfil your purpose for me; your love, O Lord, is everlasting. Do not leave unfinished the work of your hands. **R.**

Second Reading: Revelation 12: 7–12a Richard Thompson

And war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven proclaiming, "Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our brothers and sisters has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God.

But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death. Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in them!

But woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you with great wrath because he knows that his time is short!"

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Please stand

Alleluia, alleluia. The angels of God have been charged to keep you in all your ways. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

The Lord be with you The Lord bless you

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John 4. Praise and Glory to God

Gospel: John 1:45-51 Fr Robert Jamieson

Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth'. Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' 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.'

This is the Gospel of Christ. Praise to Christ the Word.

Sermon: (sit) Fr Peter Williams

Affirmation of Faith:

(Stand)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (all genuflect or bow) was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became fully human. (stand)

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
and has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection

of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People: Marla Hughes

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord: **And let light perpetual shine upon them.** May they rest in peace and rise with Christ in glory. **Amen.**

Hail Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with you: blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

The Ministry of the Sacrament

Hear again the song of the Angels: 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace'.

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer a sign of peace to those around us.

E te whanau, we are the body of Christ.

By one spirit we were baptised into one body.

Keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace: Amen. We are bound by the love of Christ.

Offertory: Jenny and Peter Daniels

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.

Blessed be God for ever.

Praise God, whose mighty angels draw the power of heaven near.

Their fiery feet stand in God's courts, their arms surround us here to reassure our anxious hearts we do not fight alone; their strength they draw, to share with us, directly from God's own.

The blind chaotic negative is working to destroy the orderly and beautiful, all peace, all hope and joy, to undermine the roots of life, untwist creation's thread, turn death to fearful nothingness, turn trust to doubting dread.

Though Christ within us shows the way to overcoming sin, we stand too low, we cannot know what battles we are in.

May angels light our inward sight to see, with joyful awe, that our small trials, when bravely borne, are triumphs in heaven's war.

God's angels keep our courage up and make us bold to say:
Blind evil bears within itself the seed of its decay, for nothing in the realms above, no power on earth, can be enough to tear us from God's love in all eternity.

O Lord, we offer you this sacrifice of praise, imploring that our sacrifice, borne into your presence by the ministry of an angel, may be pleasing in your sight and helpful to our salvation. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord is here.
Lift up your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

God's Spirit is with us.
We lift them to the Lord.
It is right to offer thanks and praise.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, and to praise you without end in your Archangels and Angels.

For the honour we pay the angelic creatures in whom you delight redounds to your own surpassing glory, and by their great dignity and splendour you show how infinitely great you are, to be exalted above all things, through Christ our Lord.

Through him the multitude of Angels extols your majesty, and we are united with them in exultant adoration, as with one voice of praise we acclaim:

Sanctus and Benedictus: Choir

(Please feel free to sit during the Benedictus)

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt cæli et terra gloria tua. Benedictus qui venit In nominee Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.

Hosanna in excelsis.

All glory and thanksgiving to you, holy Father. Send your Holy Spirit, that these gifts of bread and wine which we receive may become for us the body and blood of Christ, and that we, filled with the Spirit's grace and power, may be renewed for the service of your kingdom.

On the night before he died, your Son Jesus Christ took bread; when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup; when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them, and said: Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins; do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Glory to you, Lord Christ: your death we show forth; your resurrection we proclaim; your coming we await. Amen! Come, Lord Jesus.

Therefore, loving God, recalling your great goodness to us in Christ, his suffering and death, his resurrection and ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate our redemption with this bread of life and this cup of salvation. Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving which we offer through Christ, our great high priest.

Remember, Lord, your Church, spread throughout the world, and bring her to the fullness of charity, together with Peter our Bishop, and all who minister in your name.

Remember also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection, and all who have died in your mercy: welcome them into the light of your presence.

Have mercy on us all, we pray, that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with blessed Joseph, her spouse with the blessed Apostles, and all the Saints who have witnessed to you throughout the ages, we may become heirs to eternal life, and may praise and glorify you.

United in Christ with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise:

Blessing, honour and glory be yours, here and everywhere, now and for ever. Amen.

The Communion

As Christ teaches us, we pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Eucharistic Ministers: Fr Peter Williams, Rachel Watson

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.

Agnus Dei: Choir

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, my God.

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Happy are we who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

For Communion, leave your seat by the side aisle and come down the central aisle. You are encouraged to use the hand sanitizer.

Anthem: Choir Ye watchers and ye holy ones JV Peters

Communion Hymn: 295 Gerald Moultrie

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand; Ponder nothing earthly-minded, for with blessing in his hand Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand. Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way, As the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day, That the powers of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood, Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood: He will give to all the faithful his own self for heavenly food.

At his feet the six-winged seraph; cherubim with sleepless eye Veil their faces to the Presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry, Alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia, Lord most high.

Let us pray.

Restored by the bread of heaven, we ask, Lord God, that in the strength of this food we may advance in the way of salvation under the watchful care of your angels. Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Solemn Blessing:

God keep you in the fellowship of his saints; Christ protect you by the ministry of the angels; the Spirit make you holy in God's service; may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the Son, \maltese and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Mass is ended. Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.

Amen. We go in the name of Christ.

Final Hymn: 427

O praise ye the Lord!
Praise him in the height;
Rejoice in his word,
Ye angels of light;
Ye heavens adore him
By whom ye were made,
And worship before him,
In brightness arrayed.

O praise ye the Lord!
Praise him upon earth,
In tuneful accord,
Ye sons of new birth;
Praise him who has brought you
His grace from above,
Praise him who has taught you
To sing of his love.

O praise ye the Lord!
All things that give sound;
Each jubilant chord,
Re-echo around;
Loud organs, his glory
Forth tell in deep tone,
And sweet harp, the story
Of what he has done.

O praise ye the Lord!
Thanksgiving and song
To him be outpoured
All ages along:
For love in creation,
For heaven restored,
For grace of salvation,
O praise ye the Lord!

Organ Voluntary: Paean Norman Cocker

Please join us for a shared supper in the Parish Hall following this service.

Please pray for...

The Sick:

Fr Geoff Paterson, Graham Woolnough, Jamie McDermott, Terry & Betsy McKay.

Charles Barltrop, Claire & John Preston, Lois Peters, Denis Coulter, Betty Mechen, Suzanne Keys, Ghislaine Brewer-Quirke, Lesta Smithson, Pamela Hindin-Whitewood, John Bertken, Peter Easterbrook, Anne Fenton, David & Sandra, Philip Souter, Deb Smith, Andrew Lawson, Ashley Forman.

Anniversaries: (Sun) Cecil Muschamp—Bishop (Tues) Frederick Taylor—Priest

(Wed) Annie Schollar (Thurs) John Palmer

(Sat) Ashley Alberts

NOTICES

THIS WEEK

Meditation Group—Wednesday 12.00 noon in the church. Contact: Therese Aitchison 0212516282.

Bible Study—Thursday 11.00am, Parish Lounge.

Pray the Rosary—Thursday 12.00 noon.

Parish lunch—Sunday 5 October 12 noon, Pegasus Arms. RSVP to Ros Calvert 0272428282 by Wednesday 1 October.

Inasmuch Basket—please continue to donate staple household groceries to support the work of the **City Mission**. The Outreach would like any donated warm hats and gloves.

NEXT WEEK Sunday in the Octave of Michaelmas 5 October 2024

8:00 am Mass Celebrant: Fr Robert Jamieson Server: Hugh Munro

10.00 am Mass Celebrant: Fr Jordan Greatbatch
Preacher: Fr Robert Jamieson

Servers: SD: Rachel Watson MC: Michael Graveston

Th: Sung Bae Cr: Robbie Moore

Ac: Eyob Habte, Robert Calvert-Griffin

First Reading: Robert Maclagan Genesis 18:1-15

Second Reading: Kate Churchill Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a, 28-13

Gospel: Fr Jordan Greatbatch John 20:11-18

Eucharist Ministers: Rachel Watson, Gail Chiswell

Sides people: Maria Light, Jane Evans

Intercessions: Rachel Watson

Offertory: Dorothy Burrows, Adrienne Curtis
Morning Tea: Vince Moreton, Pat Pilkington

Sacristan: Jenny Daniels
Sacristy: Shirley Richards
Livestream: Kathleen Campbell
Flowers: Toni Stewart

Evensong Server: Robert Calvert-Griffin

Evensong Readers: Sue Patterson, Johnann Williams

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Monday The Feast of St Michael and All Angels

29 September

7.00 pm High Mass

Tuesday Jerome, Priest, Teacher of the Faith, 420

12.35 pm Mass

Wednesday Suzanne Aubert, Religious, Social Reformer, 1926

12.00 pm Meditation Group

12.35 pm Mass

Thursday The Holy Guardian Angels

11.00 am Bible Studies

12.00 noon Pray the Rosary

12.35 pm Mass

Friday Feria 12.35 pm Mass

Saturday Francis of Assisi

Next Sunday Twenty-Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time—5 October

8.00 am Low Mass

10.00 am Solemn Mass

7.00 pm Evensong and Benediction