THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHRISTCHURCH



The Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 28 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 Micheal 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.

The Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

28 September 2025

Celebrant 8.00 am: Fr Robert Jamieson

Celebrant 10.00 am: Fr Jordan Greatbatch Organ: Paul Ellis

Sidespeople: Jane Ellis, Toni Stewart

Organ: Three Antiphons on Plainsong themes Thomas Tallis

Mass Setting: Mass of St Cedd Peter Nardone

Introit Hymn: 440

Praise to the Lord, Praise to the Lord,

the Almighty, who doth prosper thy work,

the King of creation; and defend thee;

O my soul, praise him, Surely his goodness and mercy

for he is thy health and salvation: here daily attend thee;

Come ye who hear, Ponder anew

Brothers and sisters draw near, All the Almighty can do,

Praise him in glad adoration. He who with love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things

so wondrously reigneth,

Shelters thee under his wings,

yea, so gently sustaineth:

Hast thou not seen

All that is needful hath been Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me

adore him!

All that hath life and breath

come now with praises before him!

Let the Amen

Sound from his people again: Gladly for ay we adore him.

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.

(Sung)

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

Through the cross of Christ, ♣ God have mercy on you, pardon you, and set you free. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. God strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in life eternal. **Amen.**

(Sung)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
With the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Let us pray (silence)

O God, you declare your almighty power above all by showing mercy and compassion; grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, who are running to obtain your promises, may be partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ who is alive with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

First Reading: (sit) Amos 6:1a,4-7 Johnann Williams

Woe to those who are at ease in Zion and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria, the notables of the first of the nations, to whom the house of Israel resorts! Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and lounge on their couches and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the stall, who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David improvise on instruments of music, who drink wine from bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

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

Responsorial Psalm: 146

R. As long as I have life: I will sing praise to my God.

Happy are those whose helper is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God, who made heaven and earth the sea and all that is in them, who keeps a promise for ever. **R.**

God defends the cause of the oppressed, and gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets free the prisoner, and gives sight to the blind; the Lord raises up those bowed down and loves those who are just. **R.**

The Lord cares for the stranger in the land, and sustains the widows and orphans but turns the way of the wicked to ruin. The Lord shall reign for ever. Your God, O Jerusalem, shall reign for all generations. O praise the Lord. **R.**

Second Reading: (sit) 1 Timothy 6:6-19 Margaret Maclagan

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords.

It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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

Gospel Acclamation: (stand)

Alleluia, alleluia. Though our Lord Jesus Christ was rich, he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

The Lord be with you A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

The Lord bless you Praise and Glory to God

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31 Fr Robert Jamieson

"There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead."

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

Sermon: Fr Robert Jamieson

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.

Intercessions: Johnann Williams

Rest

eternal grant unto them, O Lord:

And let light perpetual shine upon them.

May they rest in peace and rise 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 Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you. **And also with you.**At the Peace all may exchange a non physical greeting with those near them.

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: Joy Coulter, Jane Evans

The Preparation of the Gifts

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.

Offertory Hymn: 376

I heard the voice of Jesus say,

'Come unto me and rest;

Lay down, thou weary one, lay down

Thy head upon my breast:'
I came to Jesus as I was,
Weary, and worn, and sad;

I found in him a resting place,

And he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,

'Behold, I freely give

The living water, thirsty one;

Stoop down, and drink, and live:' I came to Jesus, and I drank

Of that life-giving stream;

My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,

And now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'I am this dark world's Light;
Look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
And all thy day be bright:'
I looked to Jesus, and I found
In him my Star, my Sun;
And in that light of life I'll walk
Till travelling days are done.

Pray, sisters and brothers, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty One.

May the Lord receive the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Church.

God of mercy, look with favour upon our offering, and in this eucharist open to us the source from which all blessings flow. We make our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord is here. God's Spirit is with us. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

It is right indeed, it is our joy and our salvation, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise through Christ your only Son.

You are the source of all life and goodness; through your eternal Word you have created all things from the beginning and formed us in your own image; male and female you created us.

When we sinned and turned away you called us back to yourself and gave your Son to share our human nature. By his death on the cross, he made the one perfect sacrifice for the sin of the world and freed us from the bondage of sin.

You raised him to life triumphant over death; you exalted him in glory. In him you have made us a holy people by sending upon us your holy and lifegiving Spirit.

Therefore with the faithful who rest in him, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing......

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

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.

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.

Kua ākona nei tātou e tō tātou Ariki, ka īnoi tatou:

E tō mātou Matua i te rangi
Kia tapu tōu Ingoa.
Kia tae mai tōu rangatiratanga.
Kia meatia tau e pai ai,
ki runga ki te whenua,
kia rite anō ki tō te rangi.
Hōmai ki a mātou āianei
he taro mā mātou mō tēnei rā.
Murua ō mātou hara,
Me mātou hoki e muru nei
i ō te hunga e hara ana ki a mātou.
Aua hoki mātou e kawea kia whakawaia;
Engari whakaorangia mātou i te kino:
Nōu hoki te rangatiratanga, te kaha,

me te korōria, Āke ake ake. Āmine

Eucharistic Ministers: Carol Fraser, Gail Chiswell

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.

(Sung)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

By this we came to know the love of God: that Christ laid down his life for us; so we ought to lay down our lives for one another.

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.

Communion Anthem: Ave Verum Edward Elgar

Communion Hymn: In this familiar place

In this familiar place In halting song and word

know the mystery of your grace. the music of your voice is heard

Refrain: Refrain: For the love....

For the love that I receive,

for the truth that I believe,
I praise and thank you;
I taste the company divine.
Refrain: For the love....

Within this narrow sphere I learn that you are everywhere.

Refrain: For the love....

Let us pray (silence).

Gracious God, let this holy mystery restore us in mind and body, that we who proclaim the death of Christ and are joined to his suffering may become co-heirs with him in glory, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Notices

Blessing:

The Lord be with you. The Lord bless you.

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord and may the blessing of God almighty, ♣ Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. **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: 372

He who would valiant be Who so beset him round 'Gainst all disaster. With dismal stories.

Let him in constancy Do but themselves confound--

Follow the Master. His strength the more is.

There's no discouragement No foes shall stay his might,
Shall make him once relent Though he with giants fight:

His first avowed intent He will make good his right

To be a pilgrim. To be a pilgrim.

Since, Lord, thou dost defend

Us with thy Spirit,

We know we at the end

Shall life inherit.

Then fancies flee away!
I'll fear not what men say,
I'll labor night and day

To be a pilgrim.

Organ Voluntary: Voluntary on 'The Old Hundredth' attributed to Henry Purcell

7.00 pm Taizé

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.

Daylight Saving

A reminder that this Sunday at 2am the clocks go forward.

The Feast of St Michael and All Angels 29 September 2025

7.00 pm Celebrant: Fr Jordan Greatbatch

Preacher: Fr Peter Williams

Servers: SD: Fr Peter Williams MC: Michael Graveston

Th: Robert Calvert-Griffin Cr: Georgia Caughey

Ac: Robbie Moore, Callum Robertson

First Reading: Gloria Moyle Daniel 7:9-14 **Second Reading:** Richard Thompson Revelations 12:7-12

Gospel: Fr Robert Jamieson John 1:47-51

Eucharist Ministers: Fr Peter Williams, Rachel Watson **Sides people:** Robert Maclagan, Maria Light

Intercessions: Marla Hughes

Offertory: Jenny and Peter Daniels

Supper: Jane Evans
Sacristan: Jenny Daniels

Sacristy: -

Livestream: Joshua Wilson Black

Flowers: Flower Team for Michaelmas

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

NEXT WEEK Sunday in the Octave of Michaelmas 5 October 2025

8:00 am Mass Celebrant: Fr Jordan Greatbatch Server: Hugh Munro

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

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 DanielsSacristy:Shirley RichardsLivestream:Kathleen Campbell

Flowers: Toni Stewart

Evensong Readers: Sue Patterson, Johnann Williams

Evensong Server: Robert Calvert-Griffin

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The Anglican Parish of St Michael and All Angels

This Sunday The Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time—28 September 2025

8.00 am Low Mass 10.00 am High Mass

7.00 pm **Taizé**

Monday The Feast of St Michael and All Angels

7.00 pm High Mass

Tuesday Jerome, Priest, Teacher of the Faith, Translator of the Scriptures, 420

12.35 pm Mass

Wednesday Suzanne Aubert, Religious, Social Reformer, 1926

12.00 noon Meditation

12.35 pm Mass

Thursday The Holy Guardian Angels

11.00 am Bible Study

12.00 am Pray the Rosary

12.35 pm Mass

Friday Feria 12.35 pm Mass

Saturday Francis of Assisi, Friar, 1226

Next Sunday Sunday in the Octave of Michaelmas—5 October 2025

8.00 am Low Mass 10.00 am High Mass

7.00 pm Evensong and Benediction

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Sunday 10.00 am Solemn Mass