



THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

St Michael and All Angels

Watford

MICHAELMAS
25 September 2022

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.

A warm welcome to our services today when we celebrate our Patronal Festival.

Hymn numbers are CP 377 Angel voices ever singing, CP 626 Ye holy angels bright, CP 230 Ye watchers and ye holy ones, "In this place" (leaflet).

For your prayers this week:

The Church: All Churches dedicated to St Michael and All Angels.
The Anglican Church of Burundi.
The worldwide Anglican Communion.

The World: His Majesty King Charles III and the Royal Family.
The people of Ukraine.
The people of East Africa and Pakistan in hunger crisis.

The Community and Parish: Our Church family
Thanksgiving for former worshippers.
All who join with us via the Internet.

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

The Departed: Dave Ede.

COLLECT

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.

FIRST READING Genesis 28.10–17

A reading from the book of Genesis.

¹⁰ Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran.

¹¹ He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place.

¹² And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.

¹³ And the LORD stood beside him and said, 'I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring;

¹⁴ and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring.

¹⁵ Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.'

¹⁶ Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the LORD is in this place – and I did not know it!'

¹⁷ And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.'

SECOND READING Hebrews 1.5–14

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

- ⁵ To which of the angels did God ever say, ‘You are my Son; today I have begotten you’? Or again, ‘I will be his Father, and he will be my Son’?
- ⁶ And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, ‘Let all God’s angels worship him.’
- ⁷ Of the angels he says, ‘He makes his angels winds, and his servants flames of fire.’
- ⁸ But of the Son he says, ‘Your throne, O God, is for ever and ever, and the righteous sceptre is the sceptre of your kingdom.
- ⁹ You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.’
- ¹⁰ And, ‘In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands;
- ¹¹ they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing;
- ¹² like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will never end.’
- ¹³ But to which of the angels has he ever said, ‘Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet’?
- ¹⁴ Are not all angels spirits in the divine service, sent to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation?

GOSPEL John 1.47–51

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

- ⁴⁷ When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, ‘Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!’
- ⁴⁸ Nathanael asked him, ‘Where did you come to know me?’ Jesus answered, ‘I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.’
- ⁴⁹ Nathanael replied, ‘Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!’
- ⁵⁰ Jesus answered, ‘Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.’
- ⁵¹ 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.’

Our Eucharist for **Michaelmas** is available to attend in person or via livestream on our YouTube channel “St Michael’s Church Watford”
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8GTX0MfiICGmcDUkXTGFSw>

Norma will be holding her monthly Bring-&-Buy Sale in the north aisle after the 9.30 service.

There will not be a 10.00am Eucharist next Thursday, 29th September.

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

The Book of Condolence for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will be closed on Monday 26th September after Toddler Church.

There will be a Bring and Share lunch on our Harvest Festival next Sunday, 2nd October.

We will be starting the lunch at 12.00, and there will be a list at the back of Church for people to say what they can bring.

Harvest Gifts will be going to Watford Food Bank. Please make sure your contributions of tinned or dried food have a sell by date long ahead.