

St German's Church

29 Sept 2019 - St Michael and All Angels



Michael, Gabriel and Raphael are the three named biblical angels, depicted as the beloved messengers of God. Michael, which means 'who is like God?', is described as protector of Israel and leader of the armies of God and is perhaps best known as the slayer of the dragon in the Revelation to John. He is thus regarded as the protector of Christians from the devil, particularly those at the hour of death. A basilica near Rome was dedicated in the fifth century in honour of Michael on 30 September, beginning with celebrations on the eve of that day, and 29 September is now kept in honour of Michael and all Angels throughout the western Church.

Parish Notes:

PCC Meeting - the next PCC meeting is tomorrow Monday 30 Sept in the Church. The meeting begins with Mass at 6pm and will be held in the church.

St German's Patronal Feast Day - next Sunday followed by Friends AGM & lunch.

New Mass Setting - 'Simple Mass' arranged by Malcolm Archer music by John Merbecke. We hope to start learning it later in October.

Gardening Club - 1st Saturday of the month. Next meets Sat 5th at 11am.

Book Clubs: We hope to look at four books through the course of the year. We meet after mass on Mondays in St German's (starts on 7 October) to look at Henri Nouwen's 'Return of the Prodigal Son' and after mass on Tuesdays in St Saviour's (starts on 1 October) for Rupert Shortt's 'Does Religion do more harm than good'. Copies will be available for those interested in coming weeks.

Faith QI faith discussion group will be topical and will normally take place on Wednesday evenings at 7pm once a month in each church (begins 2nd October in St Saviour's and 16 Wednesday of October in St German's). If there's a particular aspect of church life and doctrine that interests you let Fr Phelim know.

Autumn Confirmation Dates - Diocesan confirmation in the Cathedral with Bishop Philip North this Thursday 3 October at 7:30pm. Other dates are available with Bishop June: Sunday 24 November in Ely or Sunday 1 December in Llandaff Cathedral. If you would like to be confirmed this Autumn please see Fr Phelim.

Recently Departed: Terence Clive James, Jennifer Freedman RIP

This week:

Sun 29: Michael and All Angels

9:30 Sung Mass (St S)

11am Sung Mass (St G)

Mon 30:

6pm Mass (St G)

St Jerome

Tues 1:

10am Mass (St S)

St Therese of Lisieux

Wed 2:

10am Mass (St G)

Holy Guardian Angels

Thur 3:

5:45pm Mass (St S)

7:30pm Confirmation

Ceremony, Llandaff Cath.

Fri 4:

6pm Mass (St S)

St Francis of Assisi

Sat 5:

11am Mass

Sun 6: Trinity 16

(OT 27)

St Saviour's:

9:30 Sung Mass;

St German's:

11:00 am Sung Mass

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READINGS THIS WEEK

Genesis 28:10-17
Ps 146:6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10
Revelation 12:7-12
John 1:47-51

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4
Ps 95:1-2, 6-7b, 7c-9
2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14
Luke 17:5-10

PSALM RESPONSE

My soul, give praise to
the Lord. (3vv)

Today's hymns: 6 All creatures of our God; 37 Angel Voices; 455 My God, accept my heart this day; 474 Now thank we all our God. Setting: Murray 'People's Mass'.

COLLECT

Eternal Lord God, you have drawn us together with the angels in a wonderful order to serve you: grant that as your holy angels always stand before you in heaven, so, at your command, they may help and defend us on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Genesis.

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. 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. 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. 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; 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. 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.' Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the LORD is in this place - and I did not know it!' 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.'

This is the word of the Lord.
Genesis 28

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R/**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down. It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger. **R/**

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. **R/**
Psalms 146

SECOND READING

A Reading from the book of Revelations.

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 comrades 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!'

This is the word of the Lord.
Rev. 12

GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St John.

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 the Lord.
John 1