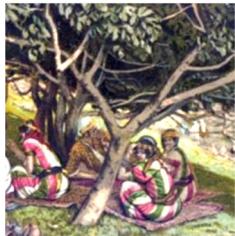




**29 September  
2024**

# St Michael and All Angels



# Welcome to St Barnabas' in Pound Hill and St Nicholas' in Worth.

This sheet details the readings in today's services as well as notices for everyone.

## SERVICES TODAY

Certain services will still be available online (live or recorded)

08:15 Said Eucharist (BCP)      St Nicholas'  
Celebrant & Preacher      Fr Michael Boag

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**Do you believe in angels?** This is a question that probably ranks with questions like 'Do you believe in fairies?' and 'do you believe in aliens?' The Bible is quite clear about their existence - angels that is! They appear in both Old and New Testaments hundreds of times. Interestingly nowadays, partly because young people are searching for 'something' and not necessarily organized religion, there has been a resurgence in belief in angels.

The truth is that angels are part of creation and have a special role. They are part of a hierarchy which includes differing orders of angels: cherubim, seraphim, archangels and so on – headed up by St Michael, the Archangel. In the Bible, as messengers, for example to Abraham and to Mary, they reveal God's will. As Guardian Angels they guide and protect us, provided we are open to them.

I personally believe in angels' existence. After all, the ministry of Jesus was surrounded by angels: they announced his birth, they ministered to him after his temptation; Jesus said he could call on twelve legions of angels to defend him when he was arrested (Matt. 26:53); they announced his Resurrection and were there after Jesus' Ascension.

Quite a lot of people today, my Dad included, speak of experiences of angels; we would perhaps be wise not to dismiss them but, rather, to look for the hand of God at work in unexpected places and in unexpected ways.

There is an old American folk saying that when babies smile in their sleep, they are listening to the voices of angels. May that be the same for you and for me!

Fr Francis

## 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. **Amen**

## Reading Genesis 28.10-17

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.'

## Reading Hebrews 1.5-14

For 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'? And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, 'Let all

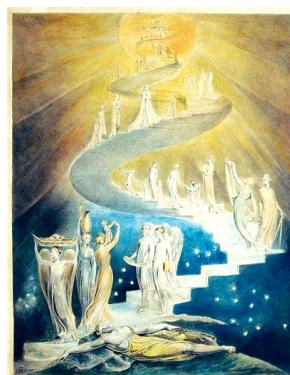
God's angels worship him.' Of the angels he says, 'He makes his angels winds, and his servants flames of fire.' But of the Son he says, 'Your throne, O God, is for ever and ever, and the righteous sceptre is the sceptre of your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond

**Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity: Therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee With the oil of gladness above thy fellows.**

your companions.' And, 'In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands; they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing; 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.' 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'? 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

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? 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.'

## Post Communion

Lord of heaven, in this eucharist you have brought us near to an innumerable company of angels and to the spirits of the saints made perfect: as in this food of our earthly

pilgrimage we have shared their fellowship, so may we come to share their joy in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

SERVICES THIS WEEK		
Tues 1 Oct	10:30 Healing Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Thur 3 Oct	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Sun 6 Oct	8:15 Eucharist (BCP) 10:00 Harvest Festival 10:00 Harvest Festival	St Nicholas' St Barnabas' St Nicholas'
<b>Sunday 6 October 2024</b> <b>Harvest</b> Joel 2.21-27 I Timothy 6.6-10 Matthew 6.25-33		

Festivals this week	
Mon 30 Sept	Jerome, Translator of the Scriptures, Teacher 420 (C)
Tues 1 Oct	Remigius, Bishop of Rheims, Apostle of the Franks 533 (C) Anthony Ashley Cooper, Earl of Shaftesbury, Social Reformer 1885 (C)
Thur 3 Oct	George Bell, Bishop of Chichester, Ecumenist, Peacemaker 1958 (C)
Fri 4 Oct	Francis of Assisi, Friar, Founder of the Friars Minor 1225 (LF)
(F) Festival; (LF) Lesser Festival; (C) Commemoration	

**Toddlers Group** meets on **Tues 13:00-15:00** and **Thurs 9:00-11:00** during term time in St Barnabas' Hall.

**The Hangout**  
 Youth Club at St Barnabas' meets on **Fri 4 Oct 19:00-20:30**  
 For Year Groups 7-11. Entry free.  
 Weekly during term time.

## Friday Lunches

Friday lunch on **4 Oct** in The Café at 12:30. Two courses and a drink £7.00. To help with catering please book your place at the Café (café open Wed and Sat) or via the Parish Office, by **Wed 2 Oct**. Profits for Parish funds.

The lunches are not exclusively for the elderly, why not bring a friend and give us a try. All welcome!



**Sun 6th Oct-** Broadfield Community Centre

**Sun 3rd Nov-** Holy Trinity Church, Tilgate

**Sun 1st Dec-** The Barn Church, Bewbush



## Scrabble and Cake

**Wed 9 Oct**, 14:30-16:30, in St Barnabas' Café. Come and enjoy games, refreshments and company. £3.50 in aid of St Barnabas' Refurbishment. All welcome, just turn up!

## Saturday Market

**12 Oct**, 10:00-11:30 in St Barnabas' Café, in aid of St Barnabas' Refurbishment. Donations of new/good as new items for sale welcomed.

## Pet Blessing Service

On **Sun 13 Oct at 15:00** at St Nicholas'. Animals of all kinds large and small are welcome - please ensure dogs are on a lead and small animals caged. Or bring a photo of your much-loved pet (past or present).

**6 October is our Harvest Thanksgiving** in both churches, if you are able, please donate packets & tins of food, bottles of water & juice and suitable toiletries for us to take to Open House and Crawley Food Bank. Thank you.

**A List is in both churches** from today until 27 October; please indicate if you would like a loved one included in the All Saints service and/or just during 2025. Thank you

## Thanksgiving Service for the Life and Work of Dr Alastair Wells

on Sunday 13 October 2024 at 14:30 in St Luke's Chapel, Epsom College KT17 4JQ. All are welcome.

There will be ample parking on site, and a reception to follow. **But please contact <[oeclub@epsomcollege.org.uk](mailto:oeclub@epsomcollege.org.uk)>** to confirm attendance, or for further information.

*For reasons too complex to describe (and no names, no pack drill) we have ended up with two 'clergy pieces' for this week's pewsheet.*

*Rather than waste such valuable material, the second is printed here:*

### Michael and All Angels.

We are celebrating the Archangel Michael and All Angels.

Angels have long been a source of inspiration for artwork and they continue to be a source of inspiration. Anyone who has travelled to Newcastle will have surely seen the modern sculpture The Angel of the North by Antony Gormley. I gather it is one of the most viewed pieces of art. It is very much part of Gateshead's identity. With its prime location on a hilltop by the A1, it stands like a guardian angel. Love it or hate it, its presence cannot be ignored.

Another very notable piece of sculpture that I saw in the grounds of Rochester Cathedral in 2019, is 'The Knife Angel'. It has toured the country, so you may well have seen it. This sculpture is so pertinent in the present time when there is so much concern about knife crime. Like The Angel of the North, it has a commanding presence. The sculptor, Alfie Bradley, put out a call for knives from a knife amnesty and made them into an angel.

There is something compelling about this statue. Perhaps it is the way the head is inclined or perhaps it is in the way the hands reach out. Despite the fact that it is made of weapons, the nature of an angelic presence is clearly evident. It takes implements of violence and transforms them into a thing of beauty. It is reminiscent of the verse from Isaiah Chapter 2 'They shall beat their swords into ploughshares.'

I think it is so encouraging that angels continue to inspire and direct. They certainly continue to have the power to move and to influence.

Canon Penny

## The Circle – away from Home

The Circle is supporting Crawley Community Cinema. Next event: **6 Oct** Perfect Days (2023). See the Mag, or contact the Office, for information.

## Recycling

We continue to recycle **milk bottle tops**. Containers are now available in the Narthex and on Sue's doorstep. Please deliver **by the end of September**.

We also collect used postage **stamps** (for the Hospice) and used **printer cartridges** (for McIndoe); please deliver to the Narthex. Thank you!

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