



St MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS CHURCH

ABINGDON-ON-THAMES

28th September 2025

Patronal Festival: Michael and All Angels / 15th Sunday after Trinity

Regular Service Times

Sundays: Sung Mass, 9.30 am
Tuesdays: Silent Reflections, last Tuesday of the month, 7.30pm (except December)
Thursdays: Said Mass, 12.30 pm
Moving into Stillness, Taizé circle dancing with silent interludes, usually first Thursday of the month, 9.45 am to 10.45 am.

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“May the angels of Jesus guard you....”

These were the opening words of a blessing used on Sunday evenings at Choral Evensong by the priest who was my Vicar from 1987 – 1992. Fr Robert prepared me for confirmation, and through his distinctive priestly ministry, I first began to sense a call to ordination. Fr Robert was one of several priests at that time who gave me a love of the catholic tradition in the Church of England and brought me to understand both the meaning and importance of the sacraments – how ordinary things can be an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace.

His son, Fr Toby Wright, now Dean of Wells, was convinced that the angels were always working overtime when I went anywhere in my car. He had a very low opinion of my driving skills!

More seriously, in various contexts and on many occasions, I have felt the presence and protection of angels. I have felt especially privileged to have been called to serve in this church dedicated to Michael, the Archangel, and indeed all the angels. Michael is a heavenly being numbered with human saints. Alongside Gabriel, the messenger at the Annunciation to Mary, he is one of few angels named in the bible and the account of his victory over the dragon (Revelation 12:7-9) has made him appear as the protector of Christians against the forces of evil. Angels remind us that there are more things in God’s creation that we can know with our mortal senses.

Today, I preside and preach for the last time on a Sunday before my retirement. I rejoice that it can be on our Patronal Festival as we give thanks for who Michael is and of what he reminds us. We shall join our prayers and praises with those of the ‘angels and archangels for ever praising (God) and singing: Holy, Holy, Holy,’ as we do at every celebration of the Eucharist. As I preside at the altar today my own song of praise, only one voice among those on earth and in heaven, shall nonetheless be one which is full of joy and gratitude. And those praises shall only be complete as I thank God for each one of you – including those who have been led into paradise by angels and the whole heavenly host - for the love, support and care shown to me throughout the ministry with which God has entrusted me in this place.

This afternoon I shall enjoy spending more time with those of you can come to afternoon tea here between 2.30 pm and 4.30pm – I hope you can come along.

And so may the angels of Jesus guard you today and every day.

With love and prayers

Fr Paul

ABINGDON FAIR The Michaelmas Fair takes place this year on **Monday 6 and Tuesday 7 October**, though the road closures will be in place on **Sunday 5 October**. The formal closure notice can be found at <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/sites/default/files/file/roads-and-transport-major-projects/Notice-AbingdonMichaelmasFair.pdf>. One imagines that, as usual, the gates into Park Road from Conduit Road and Victoria Road will be closed and access to St Michael’s will be from the entrance in Faringdon Road. The Fair itself occupies the Market Place, High Street and Ock Street, and there will be other closures and diversions affecting this area of the town.

CREAM TEAS 2025 The 6th, and final Cream Tea has rounded off a very successful season; the sum of £512.40 was raised for church funds and we were pleased to welcome and chat to many visitors all of whom enjoyed the fabulous cakes and scones and revelled in the delightful music kindly provided by Glynne and Huw Rhys James. Thank you to our many neighbours, and friends, for your patronage and loyal support over this year’s summer series. You have helped the church raise a total of £3,413.46. The offering of these successful events would not have been possible without the commitment and dedication of a fantastic team of helpers; bakers who have given their skill, time and cakes so freely; pianists Glynne, Catherine, Guy-Bernard Davis (& fiancée Ricki), Frances McMillan, and Huw Rhys James who entertained with wonderful music; Abingdon School who sponsored the cost of printed publicity; Helen Owen who sourced the many raffle prizes, and everyone who helped with serving, setting up and clearing away. Thank you.

Nicola

HUW RHYS JAMES PIANO RECITAL Thanks to Huw Rhys James for giving us his 6th piano recital at St Michael’s; it was a huge success and enjoyed by all who came. The sum of £462.95 was raised for church funds. Special thanks to Helen Owen who secured sponsorship from *Finders Keepers Abingdon*. Huge thanks to all the volunteers who delivered flyers to homes in our parish and placed posters all over Abingdon, on railings and in their gardens. Thank you to all who supported this wonderful event; everyone in the audience was wowed by Huw’s brilliant playing!

Nicola

AFTERNOON TEA at St Michael’s on the **Sunday 28 September from 2.30 pm until 4.30 pm** to mark Fr Paul’s retirement in addition to his final service on Thursday 9 October. All are welcome.

FATHER’S PAUL’S FAREWELL MASS Fr Paul will be celebrating 25 years of ordained ministry at a special **Mass on Thursday 9 October, 7 pm**, here in St Michael’s, marking his retirement. Preacher: The Revd Patrick Taylor, Vicar of Holy Trinity, Stratford-on-Avon. This will be Fr Paul’s final service in the parish.

Mass will NOT be said at 12.30 pm on Thursday 9 October.

SUSAN GEE Many readers will have known Susan, especially through her articles and poems in *A Candle in the Window*. Susan died not long after the September issue of *A Candle in the Window* was published. This gives her poem, *The Gift of Darkness* (written on 21 August), referred to in the contents list as 'A final poem from Susan Gee', a particular significance with words and images through which we can remember her. Her funeral will be held at **11.00 am on Thursday 9 October at St Helen's Church**, followed by a reception with refreshments in the south aisle. All are very welcome to attend. To ensure adequate catering provision, it would be helpful if you would kindly email david@gee-family.net by **Sunday 5 October** if you plan to attend the reception. Ladies are asked to wear something colourful, and Men to wear brightly coloured (not black) ties to the service please. Family flowers only, please. Donations in memory of Susan may be made to *Cancer Research UK*.

SUNDAY WORSHIP AT ST HELEN'S CHURCH St Helen's will live-stream their 10.30 am Eucharist through Zoom. The Zoom link is available from the Parish Administrator. A recording of the sermon (audio and video) will be made available after the service on the St Helen's web site (https://abingdonparish.org.uk/StH/StH_publications.html).

The October *Taizé Prayer service* will be on **Sunday 12 October**, in **St Helen's Church**.

MORNING PRAYER is normally held at 9.10 am on weekdays at St Helen's Church.

FAITH FORUM Please note that Faith Forum meets today, **Sunday 28 September** in the Parish Centre. A buffet lunch will be available from **12.15pm**, and the talk will begin at **12.45pm**. Margaret Adam will be starting our autumn series on personal spirituality, speaking on the subject of prayer. We would be very grateful for a few volunteers to help set up tables and chairs in the Parish Centre following the 10.30 am service at St Helens! For those who can't join us in person, the talk will be available on Zoom:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85645633324?pwd=LYbJpGrcqpTWk1ZfNj9VRq4ILHZMda.1>

Meeting ID: 856 4563 3324

Passcode: 656494

LICENSING OF THE REVD DR JENNIFER BROWN Jen will be licensed as Team Rector on **Tuesday 21 October at 7pm** in **St Helen's Church**.

FROM THE BISHOPS is the title of a new monthly online column from our four bishops. The third post is by Bishop Mary, *Flags and family*. <https://oxford.anglican.org/who-we-are/bishops-and-senior-staff/from-the-bishops/>

FESTIVALS DURING SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER

Sunday 28 September Patronal Festival, *Michael and All Angels* (transferred from 29 September).

Sunday 5 October *Harvest Thanksgiving*.

Thursday 9 October *Sung Mass in Thanksgiving for Fr Paul's 25 years of ordained ministry*, 7 pm

Sunday 2 November *All Saints Sunday*

Monday 3 November *All Souls' Sung Requiem Mass*, 7pm

Sunday 9 November *Remembrance Sunday* The 9.30 am Sung Mass will include an Act of Remembrance

Sunday 23 November *Christ the King* Renewal of stewardship offerings at the 9.30 am Sung Mass

The treasurer will be presenting the budget for 2026 to the congregation after Sunday Mass at some point before 23 November. Further details will appear nearer the time.

SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE As Fr Paul announced in the notices last Sunday, Robin Day, who is caretaker at the Parish Centre, is cycling from Dalton Barracks to RAF Benson on Saturday 4 October on an adapted bike which enables his 9 year old twins diagnosed with autism to join him on the challenge. [There is a picture of Robin's bike on the *Just Giving* page – see below. *Ed.*] He is raising money for *Camp Mohawk* to thank the charity for all they do for him. Camp Mohawk is a multi-functional day centre for children with special needs and their families, set in 5 acres of beautiful countryside, just outside Wargrave, Berkshire. Throughout the year the centre provides a range of activities, facilities and natural space to encourage children with a variety of special needs to play, socialise and learn in a secure and caring environment. Its support has been invaluable to Robin and his children, Andrew and Helena. To donate, visit his Just Giving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/thankyoucampmohawkcycle>

SILENT REFLECTIONS will be held on **Tuesday 30 September at 7.30 pm**. Lottie and Peter Sumner will provide material for our reflections on the theme: Change. We meet initially in the church room. Parking permits are available for use in Park Road.

MOVING INTO STILLNESS: circle dancing to Taizé chants with silent interludes on **Thursday 2 October** in the church from **9.45 – 10.45 am** before the regular circle dancing session at 11 am. Elizabeth Mitchell will be the teacher. No prior experience/partner needed. Tea and coffee will be provided between the two sessions.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING This year Harvest Thanksgiving will be celebrated on **Sunday 5 October**. We will again be supporting *The Porch* in Oxford which provides a stepping-stone for those who are homeless or vulnerably housed. They provide hot meals and washing and laundry facilities at the Centre for homeless people. In addition, they run programmes in Mental Health and Well-being, Pathways to Stability and Independence, Community and Social

Inclusion, and Addressing Root Causes. By providing targeted support and intervention, *The Porch* helps reduce the burden on emergency services, healthcare providers and shelters. Early intervention prevents crises needing costly public interventions. When I spoke to the Charity's Director to check some details, he asked me to stress how much the charity appreciates donations from organisations and individuals which are a major source of income.

There will be basket at the back of the church for you to place your donations by cash or cheque. Please place cheque donations in an envelope labelled "Harvest Thanksgiving" and make cheques payable to "Abingdon Parochial Church Council St Michael's Church").

Alternatively, contributions can be made by bank transfer to NatWest Bank, Account no: 61580376 Sort code: 60-01-01, account name Abingdon Parochial Church Council St Michael's Church; please use the reference HARVEST 2025.

Some readers might prefer to donate online (which offers gift aid benefits where appropriate). In which case, if you feel comfortable doing so, please put an anonymous note of your donation (in an envelope) in the basket so these can be included in the total raised. There are DONATE links on *The Porch* web site <https://theporch.org.uk/>. Readers should be aware that the Crowdfunder platform suggests that users leave a "tip". The minimum setting on the slider is 10%, but a specific amount (which could be £0) can be added by clicking on "Enter custom amount".

For more information about *The Porch* see their web site.

THE NORTH COURT SINGERS are giving a concert 'Mighty in Power' on **Friday 10 October at 7.30 pm** at St Michael's. A concert of hymns to launch the CD, which was recorded at St Michael's, by local composer David Preston. Tickets £15 on the door, card or cash. Proceeds to St Michael's church and the Abingdon Passion Play.

JUST JANE An afternoon of readings from Jane Austen with contemporary music and refreshments (tea, coffee, and cakes), **Saturday 11 October 3.00 -5.30 p.m.** Tickets £15, under 18 free. OR £10 on the door if pre-ordered from Hilary Clare. See also the article by Louise Heffernan, "Just Jane", in the September issue of *A Candle in the Window*, available at https://abingdonparish.org.uk/P_window.php.

THE CHRISTMAS FAIR 2025 will take place on **Saturday 8 November**. This is our major fundraising event each year and we hope to see as many of you as possible there on the day. We shall also be reliant on lots of helpers to run stalls. Please could you save the date in your diaries and let us know if you might be able to help or if you have any ideas for stalls.

The Fundraising Committee – Louise, Nicola, Joyce, Helen

DOUAI ABBEY AUTUMN PROGRAMME is now available on their web site. The programme includes retreats, workshops, courses and day-schools which offer the opportunity for spiritual and personal development. The focus is generally on spirituality, theology, scripture.

https://mcusercontent.com/14501d5eebc3e98fa3015a290/files/27350aa7-51ed-f095-9079-b0e707d76c23/2025_past_prog_autumn.pdf

CiA NEWS A printed copy of the **September issue** is on display on the notice board by the Welcome desk. It is available to download from https://abingdonparish.org.uk/P_communications.html.

PATHWAYS The summer issue of the Diocese of Oxford magazine is available online at <https://www.oxford.anglican.org/pathways/>. Printed copies are available in church.

A CANDLE IN THE WINDOW The September issue of the Parish Magazine is available to download from https://abingdonparish.org.uk/P_window.php Contents include articles by Louise Heffernan "Just Jane", "A Celebration of John Blacknall" by Jenny Metcalfe and a poem by Eileen Duckett "Sunday Afternoon Tea". Also a selection of wonderful photographs taken by David Bevington around the Parish Centre Garden. (Previous issues can also be found at this link.) Do read it! The next issue will be published on Sunday 12 October.

Worship

September The celebrants and preachers for September and October are: 28 September, Fr Paul; 5 October, Fr AKMA; 12 October, Fr AKMA and The Revd Professor John Barton; 19 October, Fr AKMA and Mrs Beryl Clements.

Sunday is our patronal festival, Michael and All Angels. Commemorations during the week include: Tuesday: Jerome, translator, teacher of the faith, 420; Wednesday: Remigius, bishop, 533 and Anthony Ashley Cooper (Earl of Shaftsbury), social reformer, 1885; Friday: George Bell, bishop, ecumenist, peacemaker, 1958; Saturday: Francis of Assisi, friar, deacon, 1226.

Black History Month starts on 1 October.

Season of Creation This ends on the feast of Francis of Assisi on Saturday.

Every year there must be an endless number of 200th anniversaries. I have chosen one in particular for this piece which has an environmental context.

Even a casual glance at the TV Schedules over the last couple of weeks will have suggested that something significant is being celebrated in the history of railways. That something is the 200th anniversary of the opening of the Stockton and Darlington Railway on 27 September 1825, the first public railway to use steam engines, carrying both passenger and freight traffic. All the components existed prior to 1825 but this was the first time they were brought

together in this particular way under the engineering genius and vision of George Stephenson. Public railways carrying both passengers and freight arguably changed the face of our country, with enormous social consequences and also environmental consequences, for example in mining raw materials and pollution.

Nowadays diesel and electric power has replaced steam on regular rail services. But all sources of energy have environmental implications. The latest developments such as battery powered trains and experimental hydrogen powered fuel cells have implications about the sources of electricity and hydrogen. Which approaches are the least-worst and how do you measure associated costs? As we heard in the news last week, the creation of more data centres in the UK has implications for both electricity and water supplies.

Some readers might have seen an episode on *BBC Four* from the *Steam Days* series, *The Fishing Line*, made in 1986 about the West Highland Railway from Glasgow to the fishing port of Mallaig opened in 1901. One of many features of the line is the Glenfinnan viaduct, a major feat of engineering being made of concrete by the construction company, Robert McAlpine & Sons. Bob McAlpine acquired the nickname “concrete Bob” from his innovative use of that material. Nowadays a steam-hauled train, *The Jacobite*, from Fort William to Mallaig, runs in the summer months.

The narrator of the film is Miles Kington. (Some readers may remember his book series *Let's Parlez Franglais* which is still in print.) in the 1960s Mallaig is said to have been the busiest herring port in Europe. One key use of line was the transport of the herring catch from Mallaig to Glasgow. But years of overfishing resulted in a ban on herring fishing and langoustines became the most valuable catch at the time the film was made, largely exported to Spain, France and Italy where the catch attracted the highest prices. Since then, not least due to external events, that market has declined. However, there is a poignant scene towards the end of the film where Miles Kington is tucking into a tray of fish and chips.

Maybe one day the [langoustine] may go the same way as the herring did. Of course here they don't eat [langoustine], they eat fish and chips and if I were to tell you that these chips have probably come a thousand miles from the south of Spain, would you believe me? But this is Spanish first crop potatoes. Makes you think doesn't it?

A digression. Once in a while I grant myself a digression. There is another aspect to railways and creation though, which has a degree of popularity with the clergy, railway modelling. All readers are likely to be familiar with the Revd Wilbert Awdry's *Thomas the Tank Engine* books. Perhaps less well known is that he was also a keen railway modeller, one way in which the clergy share in creation! Some of his models are preserved at the preserved narrow gauge Talylyn Railway in Wales where he became a volunteer guard. Another priest, the Revd Peter Denny was a pioneer in model railway construction techniques with his Buckingham Central layout started in 1945.

Model railways play an important role in the life of Chester Cathedral. The music producer, Pete Waterman, an ardent railway modeller who along with his “Railnuts” group of fellow modellers have exhibited four amazing models of sections of the west coast mainline during July and August in the South Transept of cathedral. This year's layout (Making Tracks IV) was a highly detailed 72 foot long model of Watford Junction with a state-of-the-art control system. A key feature has been the provision of mobile phone controllers enabling children to drive the trains. In part this has been a highly successful fund-raising activity for the cathedral, but more importantly has attracted thousands of visitors over the threshold into the cathedral, whole families, not just men and boys.

Many clerics have also been attracted to railway photography – more than just something to do on the day off to get out of the parish! One well-known photographer was the late Bishop Eric Treacy, Bishop of Wakefield, whose black and white images of steam locomotives are particularly striking. He got to know the railways through railwaymen living in the parish whilst a curate in Liverpool. Bishop Eric died of a heart attack in 1978 at Appleby in Westmoreland whilst waiting in this favourite location to photograph a railtour hauled by the last steam locomotive built by British Rail, *Evening Star*. There is now a steam locomotive in preservation named after him at the North Yorkshire Moors Railway.

End of digression.

The *British Newspaper Archive* holds some fascinating titles including the *Railway Servants' Chariot and Companion*, described as ‘A monthly record of Christian life and work on the railways’ published in Liverpool from 1881. It was the mouthpiece of the *Railways' Servants Mission* (now the *Railway Mission*, <https://www.railwaymission.org/>) and was initially edited by an engine driver. Unfortunately the content in the archive isn't free to access, but the *Railway Mission* web site gives insight into the vital work the chaplains do today for railway workers, British Transport Police officers and the travelling public. The British Newspaper Archive has, however, just released a blog post which is a fascinating delve into railway history from sources in their archive, and is free to access on-line. <https://blog.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/2025/09/22/20-pioneering-railway-firsts/>.

One particularly poignant story in the context of *Black History Month* (October) is from 1966:

The bar is said to operate in the management-union Local Department Committee at London's Euston station to which Mr. Xavier applied for a transfer from Marylebone station. He was refused and a letter from Marylebone stationmaster Mr. Frank Sykes said the committee was 'not prepared to accept on promotion the transfer of coloured staff.'

The Minister (Mrs Barbara Castle) ordered an enquiry into the colour bar and shortly afterwards:

However, a month later on 15 August 1966, Dominica-born Asquith Xavier's challenging of the colour bar ended in success as he 'began work as Euston's first coloured passenger guard.' Backed by the National Union of Railwaymen, as reported by the Evening News (London), Xavier won his 'right to a transfer,' which gave him a pay rise from £14 a week to £50 a week.

Now to conclude with the festival of St Francis of Assisi. The *Canticle of Creation*, believed to have been written by St Francis in 1224, two years before his death, expressed his belief in the interdependency of all creation.

O Most High, all-powerful, good Lord God,
to you belong praise, glory,
honour and all blessing.

Be praised, my Lord, for all your creation
and especially for our Brother Sun,
who brings us the day and the light;
he is strong and shines magnificently.
O Lord, we think of you when we look at him.

Be praised, my Lord, for Sister Moon,
and for the stars
which you have set shining and lovely
in the heavens.

Later sections praise God for our Brothers Wind and Air, Sister Water, and Brother Fire.

From Thomas Traherne, a 17th century Anglican divine:

You never enjoy the world aright till the sea itself floweth in your veins, till you are clothed with the heavens, and crowned with the stars, and perceive yourself to be the sole heir of the whole world, and more than so, because men are in it who are every one sole heirs as well as you. Till you can sing and rejoice and delight in God, as misers do in gold, and kings in sceptres, you never enjoy the world. Till your spirit filleth the whole world, and the stars are your jewels; till you are as familiar with the ways of God in all ages as with your walk and table; till you are intimately acquainted with that shady nothing out of which the world was made; till you love men so as to desire their happiness with a thirst equal to the zeal of your own; till you delight in God for being good to all: you never enjoy the world.

Prayers during the Season of Vacancies

Almighty God,
By the outpouring of your Holy Spirit,
You call each of us to walk in the way of Christ and to serve him, with diverse gifts, in the church and the world.
We praise you for calling Revd Jen, to be our Team Rector,
and ask you to bless her, and Chris, in all their preparations over the coming few weeks.
Grant her the needful gifts of grace to minister and serve among us,
and that as the whole people of God in this parish, we may work together for the coming of your kingdom,
to the glory of your Holy Name,
Amen.

It is a Season of Vacancy with respect to the appointment of a new Archbishop of Canterbury. A prayer for the appointment of a new Archbishop from the web page for the Crown Nominations Commission process:

Heavenly Father, shepherd of your Church,
send us a faithful pastor to lead with wisdom, courage, and love,
proclaiming your Gospel, celebrating the sacraments,
and guiding your people in unity and truth.

Strengthen your Church, we pray, and direct us in your ways; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayers for the Peace of the World

The prayer for the Holy Land was written by The Very Revd Canon Richard Swell, Dean of St George's College Jerusalem. The prayer for Ukraine was written by the Bishop of Oxford.

O God of all justice and peace we cry out to you in the midst of the pain and trauma of violence and fear which prevails in the Holy Land.

Be with those who need you in these days of suffering; we pray for people of all faiths - Jews, Muslims and Christians and for all people of the land.

While we pray to you, O Lord, for an end to violence and the establishment of peace, we also call for you to bring justice and equity to the peoples.

Guide us into your kingdom where all people are treated with dignity and honour as your children for to all of us you are our Heavenly Father.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

God of compassion,
Have mercy this day on the people of Ukraine.
Restore to them the gift of peace.
Grant wisdom to the governments of the world.
Bring good in the midst of evil and suffering,
For the sake of Jesus Christ your Son,
Who gave his life to bring peace to your world
Amen.

Please pray for:

- Steven and Gavin our bishops in this diocese;
- Stephen, Archbishop of York, and those on the nominations committee, selecting the next Archbishop of Canterbury;
- Charles, our King, Her Majesty the Queen, and all the royal family;
- thanksgiving for the ministry of the angels and their protection;
- our government, the opposition and all who serve in public office;
- the war-torn regions of the world, including Ukraine, Sudan, Israel, Gaza and the wider Middle East; for the release of hostages and for the miracle of sustainable peace;
- those without adequate shelter or food within our parish and for the work of the Foodbanks;
- the wellbeing of creation;
- Revd Jen, our Team Rector-designate and Chris, her husband, in all their preparations over the coming weeks;
- Fr Paul preparing for retirement, during his last two weeks in the parish, and the next stage of his priesthood;
- CSMV Wantage Come & See weekend (27/28 September) <https://csmv.co.uk/community-life/vocation-events/> for all exploring vocations to the religious life;
- the suffering, especially those who are known to us and who are on our prayer list;
- all who have recently departed, and all whose year's mind falls at this time;
- people living in: Ladygrove Court, Ladygrove Paddock, Lambourn Court and Lambrick Way.

Eucharistic Lectionary

Sun Michael and All Angels	Genesis 28.10-17	Ps 103.19-end	Revelation 12.7-12	John 1.47-end
Mon	Zechariah 8.1-8	Ps 102.12-22		Luke 9.46-50
Tues	Zechariah 8.20-end	Ps 87		Luke 9.51-56
Wed	Nehemiah 2.1-8	Ps 137.1-6		Luke 9.57-end
Thur	Nehemiah 8.1-12	Ps 19.7-11		Luke 10.1-12
Fri	Baruch 1.15-end	Ps 79.1-9		Luke 10.13-16
Sat	Baruch 4.5-12, 27-29	Ps 69.33-37		Luke 10.17-24

Collect (Michael and All Angels)

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.

Prayer after Communion (Michael and All Angels)

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.

Collect (15th Sunday after Trinity)

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord...

Prayer after Communion (15th Sunday after Trinity)

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation.

Some On-line Resources for Worship

A Church Near You Live Streamed events

https://www.achurchnearyou.com/live-stream/?tags=Live_stream&diocese=27

Parish Communications and Links http://www.abingdonparish.org.uk/P_communications.html

St Michael's Prayer and Worship resources page https://abingdonparish.org.uk/StM/StM_worship_resources.html

St Michael's Publications page https://abingdonparish.org.uk/StM/StM_publications.html

Oxford Cathedral: Livestream events will appear on the cathedral's YouTube channel, see

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqz9I9-LbZJAPGtje0gQbbg>.

The University Church of St Mary the Virgin (Oxford) live stream, see

<https://www.youtube.com/c/UniversityChurch/featured>

Community of the Resurrection: live streaming and recordings of the community's daily round of prayer and praise <https://www.facebook.com/Join-with-us-103095121647089>. Details of services can be found at the facebook page and also at the Community web site, <https://mirfield.org.uk/live-streaming/>. On Sundays Mass starts around 8.10 am, after Matins at 7.30 am.

Walsingham In addition to the daily live-streaming of Shrine Prayers at 6 pm (5pm on Saturdays). the Sunday Mass is live-streamed (usually at 7.30 am, but check the web site).

<https://www.walsinghamanglican.org.uk/whatson-2/livestream/>