

MONDAY 29th SEPTEMBER *Michael and All Angels*

TUESDAY 30th SEPTEMBER *Jerome, Translator of the Scriptures, Teacher of the Faith, 420*

9am Morning Prayer 10am – 2pm Coffee Shop
11am Funeral – Joan Bull 7pm RBL Band Practice

WEDNESDAY 1st OCTOBER *Remigius, Bishop of Rheims, Apostle of the Franks, 533*

9am Morning Prayer 9.30am Toddler Time 1pm Lunch Club
3pm Interment of Ashes – Roger Collor 8pm Baptism Preparation

THURSDAY 2nd OCTOBER

9am Morning Prayer 10am Holy Communion (Preb. David)
7.30pm ASPT Talk 7.30pm RBL Committee Meeting

FRIDAY 3rd OCTOBER *George Bell, Bishop of Chichester, Ecumenist, Peacemaker, 1958*

9am Morning Prayer 10am – 2pm Coffee Shop 10am Harvest Flowers
6.30pm Young Singers Club 6.30pm Trebles Choir Practice
7.30pm Full Choir Practice

SATURDAY 4th OCTOBER *Francis of Assisi, Friar, Deacon, Founder of the Friars Minor, 1226*

9am Holy Communion (Preb David) 10am – 12noon Coffee Shop
5pm Harvest Barn Dance and Supper at Billington Village Hall

SUNDAY 5th OCTOBER

Harvest Festival

8am Holy Communion (Rev. Dave/Bill Webb)
9.30am Parish Eucharist (Preb. David/Bill Webb) *also live-streamed*
11.30am Messy Mass for Harvest (Rev. Dave/Preb. David)
2.30pm Bereavement Support Café
6pm Choral Evensong (Canon Malcolm)

We would like to politely request that you turn off your mobile phones or switch them to flight-safe mode.

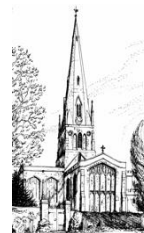
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Sunday 28th September 2025

Michael & All Angels Trinity 15

We warmly welcome all visitors and newcomers to our church. If any of you are from other denominations and are accustomed to receiving Communion in your own church you are welcome to here. Please notify a sidesperson if you require a gluten free wafer. For the hard of hearing the church is equipped with a loop system. Switch to T please. The news sheet is for you to retain and use for reference and prayer.

St. Michael and all Angels

As we think about St. Michael and All Angels, I am reminded that God does not leave us alone in this world. Scripture tells us that His angels are “ministering spirits sent to serve those who inherit salvation”. What a beautiful thought that even in unseen ways, God’s presence and protection always surrounds us. I think that’s quite reassuring to know that we are always surrounded and protected by God.

St. Michael, the Archangel, is pictured in revelation as a defender of God’s, standing against the forces of darkness. That image reassures me that the struggles we face, whether spiritual battles within our hearts or challenges in the world around us, are not asked to fight alone. God equips us, and even sends his heavenly host to guard us.

It is not surprising that one of the centers in this country promoting peace in communities and in the world is at Coventry Cathedral. The Saint dedicated to the Cathedral is St. Michael and All Angels, a place itself that saw mass destruction during the second world war and yet was able to build a new Cathedral in very quick time. It is a place that Pilgrim’s go to find peace and to pray for peace, knowing that the angels are surrounding us. As you approach the entrance of the Cathedral, there is a wonderful statue of Michael fighting off the devil. May this Saint remind us to stand firm in faith, trusting that God’s power is greater than any darkness. And may you feel the quiet strength of his protection in your life today.

God Bless, David

IN YOUR PRAYERS PLEASE REMEMBER

<i>Sick:</i>	Carol Steward, John Brennan, Susan Burge, James Nurse, Peter Metcalfe, Teresa Lamb, Katrina Boyce, Lyn Randall, Sheila Tate, Sue Revis, Steve Cross, Kerry Sykes
<i>RIP:</i>	David Longstaffe, Joan Bull, Terry Goodman, Audrey Strachan, Colin Gibbs-Jones, Andrew Griggs
<i>Year's Mind:</i>	Sandra Keen, William Brantom, Gordon Durrington, Maureen Comber, Margaret Madigan, Vera Delafield, Arthur Waldock, Henry Baines, Diana Reynolds, Walter Sandifer, Paul Kaye
<i>In our Team:</i>	Pray for local voluntary groups
<i>In the World:</i>	Pray for Central and Southern America
<i>In the Diocese:</i>	Pray for Diocesan Vocations Advisors
<i>In the Wider Church:</i>	Pray for Ordination Candidates

NOTICES

ORGAN SCHOLAR: We are delighted to welcome Max Boone as our 2025/26 Organ Scholar. Max is a graduate of the Royal Northern College of Music where he studied composition with Adam Gorb and Gary Carpenter. Whilst still at school he reached Grade 8 on the piano and Grade 7 on the violin, but only took up organ playing a few years ago. Since then he has developed a love for the instrument and his ambition is to become a full-time organist. Max will start with us by playing a few hymns each week and taking it from there.

THANK YOU: Mrs Thelma Harris wishes to thank all those who sent cards and visited following her fall, and for all the prayers, which were much appreciated and gave great comfort.

SHOE BOX APPEAL: If you would like to help fill a Christmas Shoebox to be delivered to some of the poorest people in Eastern Europe, 'Link to Hope' Charity would be most grateful. Please see the poster and fliers for more information. All boxes to be handed to Rosie Dawson by the end of October latest.

SERVERS AND CHALICE ASSISTANTS: Please let me know the dates when you are not available from 9 November 2025 to 1 March 2026 inclusive, either via email to mikejsharman@outlook.com, text/WhatsApp to 07730 400833 or pin a written note to the notice board in the Servers' Vestry, before the end of October. Thank you.

WE NEED NEW RECRUITS TO THE TEAM OF SERVERS HERE AT ALL

SAINTS: If you could volunteer one or two times a month then we will be very happy to welcome you. Please speak to me or Lindsay if you would like to find out more. Thank you. Mike Sharman

WELCOMERS: A new rota for sidespeople is being prepared. Volunteers are needed to join the merry band. It involves welcoming people to services, handing out service books etc., steering people around the church, doing the collection and putting books away after services. If you feel you could help with this, please give your name and contact details to one of the sidespersons or to the parish office.

HARVEST FAMILY BARN DANCE & SUPPER: Saturday 4th October, 5-9pm in Billington Village Hall. Tickets £12, children under 10 £6, available from the Office.

TREE FESTIVAL DRAW: As a fundraiser to culminate during the Christmas Tree Festival we are organising a Grand Draw. We should be grateful if as many of you as possible would be willing to take a packet of tickets to sell to friends and family. The first prize is £250, so it is well worth buying a ticket. The draw will take place on 22nd November.

ALL SAINTS' PRESERVATION TRUST are proud to present a talk given by Andrew Ziminski: A Life in Ruins, a stonemason's guide to British churches. His talk will examine the history of churches across Britain and Ireland, with a special focus on churches in Beds and Bucks, and the often overlooked features and furnishings they contain. Thursday 2nd October, 7.30pm for 8.00pm start in All Saints. Bar available. Free Entry but donations welcome (£10 suggested).

BIBLE BOOK CLUB will next meet at 7pm in the Saunders Room in St Barnabas Church Hall on Friday 10th October.

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Rest Day – Monday

Michael & All Angels

Sunday Services

Readings: RCL: Year C: Page: 1015

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.

8.00am Holy Communion Celebrant: Canon Don Preacher: Canon Don
Reading: Revelation 12: 7-12 or Hebrews 1: 5-end
Gospel: John 1: 47-51

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9.30am Parish Eucharist Celebrant: Preb. David Preacher: Preb. David
Setting: Ives (Salisbury Service) Hymn Book: NEH
Introit: 475
1st Reading: Revelation 12: 7-12
Psalm: 103 vv. 19-end

The Lord hath prepared his seat in heaven: and his kingdom ruleth over all.

O praise the Lord ye angels of his, ye that excel in strength: ye that fulfil his commandment, and hearken unto the voice of his words.

O praise the Lord all ye his hosts: ye servants of his that do his pleasure.

O speak good of the Lord all ye works of his, in all places of his dominion: praise thou the Lord O my soul.

2nd Reading: Hebrews 1: 5-end
Gradual Hymn: 343
Gospel: John 1: 47-51
Intercessions: Stacey Major
Offertory Hymn: 336

Anthem: In paradisum – Fauré *accompanied by Arthur Togneri*
In paradisum deducant angeli; in tuo adventu suscipiant te martyres. Et perducant te in civitatem sanctam Jerusalem. Chorus angelorum te suscipiat et cum Lazaro quondam paupere. Aeternam habeas requiem.

Translation

May the angels lead you into paradise, may the martyrs receive you in your coming. And may they guide you into the holy city, Jerusalem. May the chorus of angels receive you and with Lazarus once poor, may you have eternal rest.

During this time please observe a period of quiet reflection, as we receive Communion
Communion Hymn: 292
Post Communion: 476
Final Voluntary: Pie Jesu by Fouré *played by Felix Howat*

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4.00pm Licensing of Bill Webb as a Reader at St. Albans Abbey