

All Saints' North Hillingdon
29nd Sept 2024 • Trinity 18
Proper 21/28 Ordinary time



Today is the festival of St Michael and All Angels. At the heart of Michaelmas is the recognition of the reality and presence of angelic beings and their support and ultimate victory in the war against darkness. In our readings, Jacob's vision of the angels ascending and descending from heaven confirm the Lord's promises to him. The Psalmist runs out of words of praise and encourages the angels to continue. Hebrews reminds us that angels are spirit-beings sent to serve us, as they served Christ himself. Throughout the bible we are given glimpses into the invisible spiritual world and are reminded that multitudes of God's angels are working away on our behalf. For a modern day angelic story, read the moving Premier Christianity website article on Nadim Ednan-Laperouse.

NHWS HYMNS AT 10 O'CLOCK

Gathering 436 Praise my Soul the King
 Gradual 509 All Glory Laud and .. (omit 7,8)
 Offertory 336 Angel Voices ever singing
 Comm. 33 Of the Father's love (omit 2,3)
 Sending 427 O Praise ye the Lord

NOTICES THIS WEEK

TODAY Sun 29 th Sept Harvest Lunch	Please don't forget a donation (£5-£10)
No 10am Wed 2 nd Oct	1 st – 4 th Oct Clergy Diocesan Retreat
Friday 4 th Oct OFRA quiz RNA Hall	Jane Turnbull Booking essential!
13 th Oct Sun 10 am only *No 8am Sun 13 th Oct* *No 10am Wed 16 th Oct*	Revd Michael Bolley (11 th -19 th Oct Rev Ulric on leave)
Sunday 20 th October Healing Service	Revd Michael Bolley
Sunday 27 th October 5pm Fireworks display	John Arnold Church gardens
Friday 1 st November 7pm Service of Remembrance	To be confirmed. Eucharistic All Souls service?
Saturday 23 rd Nov - All Saints Christmas Bazaar	Church Hall 12-3pm

GIVING/ BOILER UPDATE

Our 40-year-old boiler is no longer serviceable and needs replacing. The cost is around £30,000, which we do not have in reserves. It would warm our hearts and bodies if you would consider increasing your weekly offering, or a one-off donation to:

"All Saints Church Hillingdon Parish Church"
 Sort Code: 20-89-16 a/c number: 00107344

THIS WEEK'S INTERCESSIONS

We lift up to the Lord all who are being cared for in the parish, in particularly those who have asked for our prayers;

Michael Worrell, Simon Matthews, Barbara Skelton, David Rance, Joan Taylor, Daphne Dix; Macey Ann Brazil, Veronica Samuels, Gill Mayer; Beverly Leavy, Hazel & Helen Parris, Lynn Taylor, Mark Callaghan, Susie Bromham, Georgie Isaiah, Marion Fogell, John Clarke, Mabel and Tony Poon-Jones

May they know his grace, strength, blessing healing and salvation

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We remember those whose anniversary falls at around this time: *Frederick Parsons, Jane Lewis, Richard Holgate, Mary Demoore, Melvyn Leach, Andrew John Cecil, Jason Daniel.*

MAGAZINE EDITOR REQUIRED!

John is stepping down from editing the church magazine, so if anyone feels inspired to take up the reins, let us know. Next edition on hold ...

VISITS / HOME COMMUNION

If you know of anyone who needs a visit, home communion or prayer, please let me know; Rev Ulric Gerry 01895 262024 ulricgerry@icloud.com

****Macmillan Coffee Morning last Sunday. We raised £324.58 Well done!****

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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

Either **Genesis 28:10-17**

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."

Or **Revelation 12:7-12**

A reading from the book of Revelation.

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!"

PSALM Psalm 103:19-end

R *The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.*

The Lord has established his throne in heaven,
and his kingdom has dominion over all.
Bless the Lord, you angels of his,
you mighty ones who do his bidding
and hearken to the voice of his word. **R**

Bless the Lord, all you his hosts,
you ministers of his who do his will.
Bless the Lord, all you works of his,
in all places of his dominion;
bless the Lord, O my soul. **R**

SECOND READING

Either **Hebrews 1:5-end**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

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 wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of

gladness beyond 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?

Or **Revelation 12:7-12**

GOSPEL John 1:47-end

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

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.

