

St Michael and All Angels with St Mark Preston
17th Sunday after Trinity 27th September 2026
Patronal Festival
Holy Communion 10.00am



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.

Diocesan Centenary Prayer:

Heavenly Father, in our Centenary year we rededicate ourselves and our Diocese to you.

Send the Holy Spirit to give us confidence in our witness, generosity in our service, and love for our neighbours, that your Church may be renewed and many come home to you, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Welcome to St Michael's Church

Large print newsletters and service booklets are available, please ask the Welcome Group if there is anything you need or let them know if you require a gluten free wafer. Everyone is warmly invited to stay for refreshments after the service.

You are invited to stand for the hymns and some other parts of the service if you are able, but if standing is difficult or uncomfortable for you, just remain seated, no one will mind.

Hymns:

Opening:	702	Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
Gradual:	494	I, the Lord of sea and sky
Offertory:	510	Will you come and follow me?
Communion:	589	
Final:	394	Tell out my soul

First reading: *Revelation 12.7-12*

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!'

Gospel Reading: *John 1.47-end*

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.'

Services:

Weekday Communion: Thursday at 10.30am

BCP Holy Communion: Sunday 4th October at 8.30am

All Angels and Harvest: Sunday 4th October at 10.00am

Holy Communion: Sunday 11th October at 10.00am

Junior Church: Sunday 18th October at 10.00am

Regular Events:

Bible Study: the next meeting will be on Friday 2nd October at 7.00pm in the MPR. Please take a flyer. All are welcome.

Coffee Morning: the next coffee morning will be on Saturday 3rd October 10.00am to 12.00pm

Cupboard Love: the next session will be on Saturday 10th October 9.30am to 10.30am

Farmers' Market: the next market will be on Saturday 17th October 9.00am to 12.30pm

Harvest Festival: Next Sunday 4th October at 10.00am. We would welcome donations of non-perishable food and toiletries for our celebration. Your donations will be split between The Salvation Army and Cupboard Love. You can also donate to the Bishop's Harvest Appeal 2026 for the Diocese of Liwola. Donations can be put in the red bucket at the back of church or via this QR code:



Jill Crossland recital: Jill Crossland will be making her third visit to St Michael's this afternoon at 3.00pm. Her programme includes Beethoven's Moonlight Sonata, a selection from Bach's 48 Preludes and Fugues and works by Mozart and other composers. Tickets: £15 adult, £5 child/student and £30 family.

Eco-Church: Caring for God's creation is about making small changes in our lives which will make a difference in the world. We are blessed to have doorstep recycling collections but at church we will be offering a collection point for empty blister packs from your tablets.

This is Fairtrade Fortnight: Buying Fairtrade means fairer pay for the people behind the products we love. At the heart of our mission this Fairtrade Fortnight are people like Dora Atiiga, a Cocoa Farmer and mother from Ghana. In Ghana, children make up a third of the workforce that grow the cocoa that goes in our chocolate. When producers aren't paid fairly, many families have no real alternative as they are often unable to afford the basics - meaning children can end up on farms instead of in classrooms. However, with the support of Fairtrade, Dora Atiiga refused to accept that future for the children in her community and has had a huge impact on her community.

Rosie: Congratulations to Rosie who is celebrating 30 years of ordained ministry with us this morning.

Suzanne: We were delighted to learn that Suzanne Smelt, daughter of Raymond and Wendy Brown, has started training for the Methodist ministry at the Queen's Foundation, Birmingham. This is a joint Anglican and Methodist theological college. We wish Suzanne every blessing.

Supporting St Michael's: We welcome your donations to St Michael's. We are self-supporting and our costs are high. Many people make a monthly donation through the Parish Giving Scheme. Please ask Stephen Davies for details. Alternatively, there is a collection plate for cash donations, along with a card reader, at the back of church. Please give as generously as you can. Thank you.

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