



## St Michael's Messenger

### OCTOBER 2025

#### ***A prayer for the month of October***

##### ***Almighty God,***

*Our refuge and strength, true source of all godliness:  
Graciously hear the devout prayers of your Church, and  
grant that those things which we ask faithfully, we may obtain effectually;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

***Amen.***



## **Diary Dates October-November 2025**

### **Sunday 5 October 10h00 – Eucharist – Trinity 16**

Readings: 1. Habakkuk 1.1-4; 2. 1-4 <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Habakkuk%201.1-4%3B%202.%201-4&version=NRSVA>  
2. 2 Timothy 1.1-14 <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2%20Timothy%201.1-14&version=NRSVA>

**Celebrant Priest: Rev Margaret Marquardt**

### **Sunday 12 October 10h00 – Eucharist – Trinity 17**

Readings: 1. 2 Kings 5.1-3, 7-15c <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2%20Kings%205.1-3%2C%207-15c&version=NRSVA>  
2. 2 Timothy 2. 8-15 <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2%20Timothy%202.%208-15&version=NRSVA>

**Celebrant Priest: Rev Margaret Marquardt**

### **Sunday 19 October 10h00 – Eucharist – Trinity 18**

Readings: 1. Genesis 32. 22-31 <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis%2032.%2022-31&version=NRSVA>  
2. 2 Timothy 3.14-4.5 <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2%20Timothy%203.14-4.5&version=NRSVA>

**Celebrant Priest: Rev Margaret Marquardt**

**11h45 – Danish Lutheran Service**

### **Sunday 26 October 10h00 – Eucharist – Last Sunday After Trinity**

Readings: 1. Ecclesiasticus 35.12-17 <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ecclesiasticus%2035.12-17&version=NRSVA>  
2. 2 Timothy 4. 6-8,16-18 <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2%20Timothy%204.%206-8%2C16-18&version=NRSVA>

**Celebrant Priest: Rev Margaret Marquardt**

### **Sunday 2 November 10h00 – Eucharist – All Saints**

Readings: 1. Isaiah 56. 3-8 <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah%2056.%203-8&version=NRSVA>  
2. Hebrews 12. 18-24 <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Hebrews%2012.%2018-24&version=NRSVA>

**Celebrant Priest: Rev Liz Morris**

***Bien-Être Exercise and Relaxation Thursdays 12:15pm***

***Fridays at 19h00 Pentecostal Service in French***



## ***From the Churchwardens***

**The search for a new chaplain for St Michael's** continues. The deadline for new applicants closed at the end of September. We will keep you updated as we find out more.

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Should any member of the St Michael's congregation wish to receive Holy Communion at home, administered by one of our locum priests, you may request that by emailing the Churchwarden at the address below. Please title your email "Requesting Communion at home" and in the text include your name and the full name, address and phone number of the person to receive the sacrament. Send your email to:

[warden@stmichaelsbeaulieusurmer.org](mailto:warden@stmichaelsbeaulieusurmer.org)

**- Egill and Bob**

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## ***The Sword of St Michael***

The image of the archangel St Michael wearing the armour of a knight and wielding his righteous sword is an indelible part of Anglicanism and also very close to home. Representations of St Michael adorn our church above the entrance, high on the right hand wall near the organ loft as we enter and of course above the sanctuary and altar.

Knights figured strongly in early Christian tradition. The Gospel and Christianity were also crucial to the medieval archetype of the knight. In Arthurian legend, as in Sir Thomas Malory's *Le Morte d'Arthur*, a ragtag team of knights searched for the Holy Grail, into which Christ's blood was directly shed from the Cross, symbolizing the enormous power, presence, and reverence the Christian tradition has shown to the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.



In the Middle Ages, war, often ultimately pointless, was extremely common in Christendom. Kings, Princes, Dukes, Archbishoprics, and even the Pope of Rome all wielded large armies in an attempt to settle all kinds of territorial disputes, both real and entirely imagined.

Crucial to these armies were mounted professionals, often drawn directly from the noble and wealthy classes themselves, who could afford the steep costs of maintaining a horse (or, more





often, a number of horses), arming themselves and their steeds, and paying for a team of squires to care for the horses and an immense amount of equipment. The knight, in comparison to most of the soldiers of the time, was almost superhuman. One knight could be worth dozens of foot soldiers.

Many of these knights saw themselves as part of the tradition of warrior saints such as St Michael, virtuous fighters on God's side, especially during the Crusades. But a knight represented much more to society. Christendom has often venerated figures who could rise up to evil and defeat the dark and demonic challenges that threatened and endangered innocent communities.



The knight's classic rival in our mythology is the dragon. In Western culture, the myth of the dragon finds its roots in the biblical beasts and in Satan, who in Revelation is depicted as a dragon. In Revelation, the image of St Michael's battle with the dragon has filled the imagination of Christians for centuries, representing the power of righteousness over evil.

A Christian warrior has strength and bravery, not so that he might pronounce his own judgments, but so that he might put himself in the way of evil and sacrifice himself for the least of us. The ultimate example is Jesus Christ, and his selfless sacrifice for the weak and the vulnerable. *"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends."* (John 15:12-13).

This model of the warrior lent itself well to the ideal of the medieval knight. Rather than being an agent of his own ambition, was a loyal servant sworn to a noble king. The archangel Michael is a servant of God, not of himself. He is mighty and powerful, not to his own ends, but to the ends of God. He is not himself the author of justice but wields his sword as an arm of God's perfect judgment.

**- Adapted from: Anglican Compass**





## ***THE FEAST OF ST MICHAEL*** ***Patronal Feast Day Celebration and Fellowship Lunch***

About 40 members of the congregation gathered in the church garden after the service on Sunday 28 September to celebrate the annual Patronal Feast Day Fellowship lunch. After an apéro and the blessing by locum priest Rev Margaret Marquardt, friends old and new sat down to enjoy a lunch of two mixed salads and lasagna, followed by tiramisu, fresh fruit salad and coffee. Plenty of wine and juices were on hand, everything prepared and served by Nicola and her team of hard-working volunteers. All proceeds from the Fellowship Lunch support St Michael's charity giving. A splendid time was had by all!







***To Nicola and her team...***

*Alex, Bob & Linda, Caroline,  
Cornelius, Dennis, Egill,  
Eric & Suzanne, Graeme,  
Heidi, Linda, Lorrie, Noor, Zak*

***Thank you for everything you do!***

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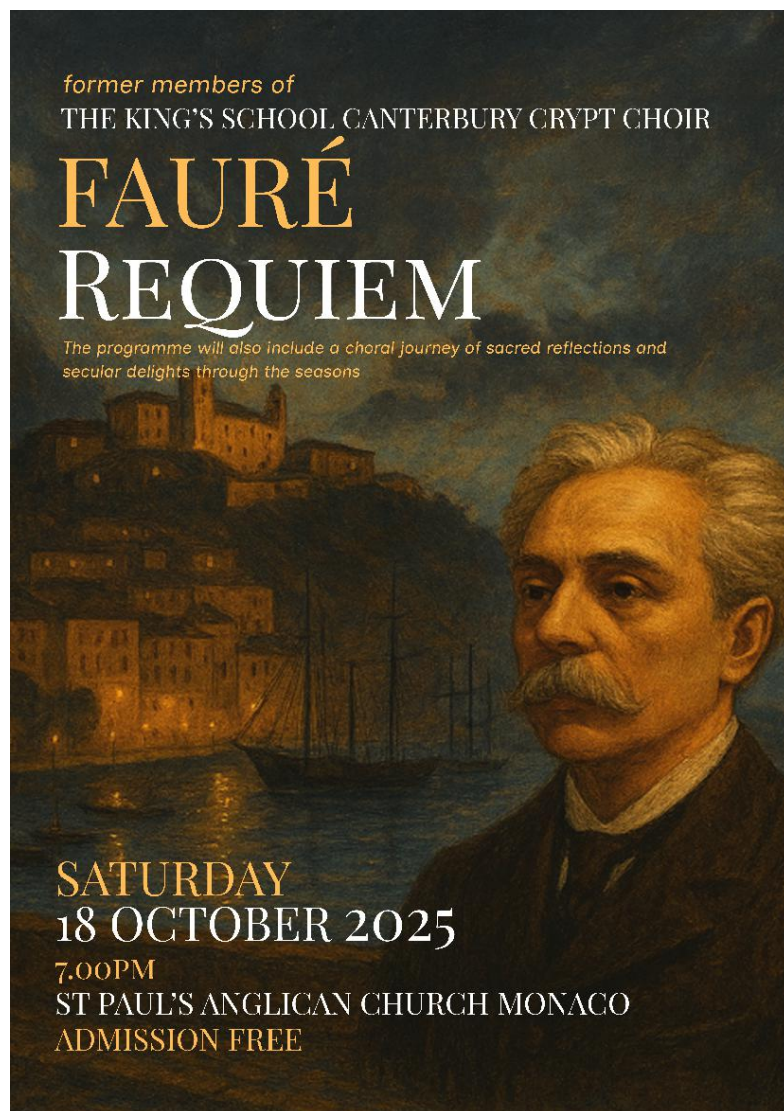


## ***Choral Concert at St Paul's Anglican Church in Monaco***

On Saturday, 18 October at 17h, the alumni choir of The King's School Canterbury will be performing Fauré's Requiem along with other sacred choral works.

Admission is free and all are welcome.

The choir will also be leading the choral liturgy at St Paul's 10h30 Holy Communion service on Sunday 19 October.



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***A reminder from Ian and David...***



***Sign up for refreshments!***  
(sign-up sheets at the back of the church)



***If we can do it, you can too!***

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