

Please remember in your prayers...

Those with health concerns at this time:
Bill Collins, Beryl Shaw, Doreen Herridge,
Margaret Stephens, Jiemei Clarke, Lucy
Mills, Bernice Carters, Colin Mawdsley,
Elizabeth Harris, Karen Stefan, Elaine
Brennan, Christine and Michelle Frost, Ian
Massey and Lowen Castaignos

Those with anniversaries this week: William
Henry Rigby, Doris McClone, David Robinson,
Elsie Mawdsley, Albert Houghton, Peter
Rawlinson, Edna May Walker, Douglas
Menzies, Sylvia Austin, Arnold Shaw, Gladys
Seddon and Stan Berry

Also for all who live in Birch Road

St Michael and All Angels

St Michael is an archangel whose name means 'who is like unto God?' He makes various appearances throughout the Bible, from the book of Daniel to the Book of Revelation. In Daniel, he is 'one of the princes' of the heavenly host, and the special guardian of Israel. In Revelation, he is the principal fighter of the heavenly battle against the devil. The 'All Angels' were added in 1969 when Gabriel and Raphael were included with St Michael.



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and All Angels
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Today's hymns are...

134 For all the Saints (omit v 4,5 and 6)

Rev William W. How, writer of this lovely hymn, was ordained in the Church of England in 1847. He became Suffragan Bishop in east London and then Bishop of Wakefield. He worked among the destitute in the London slums and factory workers in Yorkshire.

128 Fight the good fight

John Monsell was born in Londonderry and served as a chaplain and rector of several churches in Ireland after his ordination in 1835. He came to England in 1853 to become rector of Egham in Surrey and was rector of St. Nicholas Church in Guildford from 1870 until his death (caused by a construction accident at his church). A prolific poet, Monsell published his verse in 11 volumes and this is one of his 300 hymns.

94 Come, let us join our cheerful songs

This hymn, one of many written by Isaac Watts, celebrates the joy of worship and worthiness of Jesus

564 Ye holy angels bright

The writer of this hymn, Richard Baxter, was born in Shropshire in 1615 and took Holy Orders in 1640. He was for some time chaplain to one of Cromwell's regiments. At the Restoration he became chaplain to Charles II but was expelled from the Church of England and imprisoned for his nonconformist beliefs.

Revelation 12 7-12

⁷And war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon.

The dragon and his angels fought back, ⁸but they were defeated and there was no longer any place for them in heaven.

⁹The 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.

¹⁰Then 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.

¹¹But 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.

¹²Rejoice 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!

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

John 1 47-end

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!'

⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?'

Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.'

⁴⁹Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!'

⁵⁰Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.'

⁵¹And 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.'

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Praise to you, O Christ

Just for fun

The slightly harassed minister stood on the railway station platform with a number of lively Sunday School children while the two Sunday School teachers went off to buy tickets. A porter came up to him and asked: "Excuse me, are you St Michael and all the Angels?"