



Sunday 29th September 2024

## Feast of St Michael and All Angels

You are most welcome.

A message to new visitors is found on page 4.  
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**8:00am Holy Communion** (*Book of Common Prayer*)

Celebrant: The Rector

**10:30am Parish Eucharist with Holy Baptism** (*Common Worship*)

Celebrant: The Rector

Preacher: The Rector

Setting: 'A People's Mass', *Dom Gregory Murray*  
with 'The Coventry Gloria', *Peter Jones*

Hymns: 475, 391, 373, 336

Music at Communion:

'This is the day' *John Rutter*

Postlude:

'Gaudeamus' *Sidney Campbell*

**Followed by a Reception and Presentation launching the  
Warm Welcome Project**

### For your prayers

**At This Time**

Baby Dylan Andrew Brooks, Gillian Kullman, Cheto Perez, HM The King, HRH The Princess of Wales, the bereaved, and those suffering during warfare

**Recently Departed**

Mabel Davis, André 'Dédé' Devinck, Patricia Winifred Ardy, Malcolm Lodwick, Carolyn Bower

**Year's Mind**

Catherine Irene Rowlands, Rose Sweetingham, Jessie Lilian White, Jessie Violet Cunningham, Hilda Margaret Freeland, Pauline Cummings

# Reflection for the week

The Right Reverend Doctor Michael Turnbull

## Fancy being an Angel ?

Today we celebrate the feast of St Michael and All Angels. Today is also the launch of a five-year plan to build this local church into an effective tool in the hands of God. No doubt this coincidence is wisely chosen. Angels have a vital part to play in what we are planning to do together.

Go into the card shop in Sandwich and you will see many examples of pretty angels to send to your 'little angel' or indeed to your 'darling angel'. I found myself slipping into that kind of language when a neighbour found my lost key. I was so relieved that I said, 'You are an angel'.

Our readings today give us pictures of Angels which go beyond that kind of sentimentality. In fact, we discover that being an angel is quite hard work. Just imagine running up and down... up and down... on a ladder reaching between heaven and earth. Our first reading speaks about that and is confirmed by Jesus talking to Nathanael in today's gospel.

Right at the end of the Bible, the Book of Revelation has many references to Angels on the front line of the warfare between good and evil. Often, they are in violent

situations, illustrating how costly it is for evil to be overcome.

However, the most enduring theme of the work of angels is that they are messengers, illustrated most profoundly by the Angel Gabriel and his encounter with Mary, the virgin. It is here that we begin to see the connection between angels and the tasks ahead of us at St Clement's.

We must dare to ask 'Are the angels saying anything to us', and, if so, are we, like Mary, aghast at the thought that we – yes you and me – might have a role in making St Clement's a community which brings good news to Sandwich? If we hear that call, what is it we have to say and do together? That question is at the heart of a plan for the immediate future, which we create as we become angels – messengers of God.



# New to St Clements?

## Welcome! We're delighted that you're here

**T**here has been a place of Christian prayer on this site for more than 1,000 years. All are welcome at our services - whatever your background and whatever your faith.

Many of the words of our service can be found from page five of this booklet. Feel free to join in with the words in bold, and to stand, kneel, or sit as you feel able and comfortable. Don't worry about getting it 'right', we're all learning to pray!

The service will start with notices and a hymn. We then bring to mind the times we've not loved God, our neighbours, and ourselves fully. Though it can be uncomfortable admitting we are sinners, we want to be honest with God (and ourselves) that we're not perfect. We can trust that God is utterly loving and forgiving.

A series of readings from scripture follows, and then the sermon, in which the preacher attempts to break open the scriptures and apply them to our lives today.

We pray for the needs of the Church and world, and then the altar is prepared. A collection will be taken, as 'giving' is an important part of

our Christian lives, but don't worry if you're unable to contribute as a visitor.

The priest leads the Eucharistic Prayer - the prayer of thanksgiving - during which we offer bread and wine to God, and He transforms it into the Body and Blood of Christ.

All baptised Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion (it's fine to only receive the Body or Blood if you prefer. For reasons of hygiene please don't dip the wafer into the chalice). Or do come forward holding this booklet to receive a blessing. **If you need a gluten-free wafer please let someone at the door know before the service.**

We share refreshments in the Sunley Room (accessed up the ramp behind the organ), and you are most welcome to stay. Toilets may also be found here.

The Church is open daily for peace and prayer. If you'd like to know more about our worship or faith, do talk to people in the congregation or one of the priests. You can also visit our website, [www.stclementschurchsandwich.org.uk](http://www.stclementschurchsandwich.org.uk)

# Music at 10:30am today

Today the choir sings a warm-hearted piece by John Rutter – *This is the day*. Commissioned by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster Abbey as a wedding gift for Prince William and Kate Middleton, this anthem was composed early in 2011, with a brief that it should be about 4-5 minutes in length, for choir and organ, with a text from the psalms. The composer writes: ‘My first thought was that the text should embrace both rejoicing and blessing, and I chose verses from five psalms which seemed to encompass what I wanted to express on behalf of us all. My next thought was that I wanted to write music which would be welcoming in spirit to the royal couple, their families, and to the many people witnessing this happy occasion all over the world.’

That sentiment is exactly the same as the St Clements welcome – indeed a warm welcome! The words open with “This is the day, the day which the Lord hath made. We will rejoice and be glad in it.”

The outgoing voluntary is a piece with historic connections with this church. *Gaudeamus* (literally ‘*may we rejoice*’) was written for organ by Sidney Campbell (1900–1974), one time organist here at St Clements and who ended up as Organist at St George’s Chapel Windsor where

he is also buried. Previously he held posts in Ely, Southwark and Canterbury Cathedrals. This short piece opens with a fanfare and then moves swiftly into a very brief and lively fugue.

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# Order of Service

## The Gathering

*Notices are given before the service.  
Stand for the opening hymn:*

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### *Hymn 475*

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In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Lord be with you and also with you.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Confessing our Sins

*The Celebrant introduces a period of silence in which all call to mind their sins. Then all kneel or sit.*

Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in

thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

*The Celebrant pronounces the forgiveness of sins. All stand. The Gloria is sung, the congregation singing parts in bold.*

Glory to God, glory in the highest, peace to his people, peace on earth. **Glory to God, glory in the highest, peace to his people, peace on earth.**

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father. **Glory to God, glory in the highest, peace to his people, peace on earth.**

We worship you, **glory in the highest, give you thanks, glory in the highest, praise you for your glory. Glory to God, glory in the highest, peace to his people, peace on earth.**

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us, **have mercy on us.** You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer, **receive our prayer.**

Glory to God, glory in the highest, peace to his people, peace on earth. **Glory to God, glory in the highest, peace to his people, peace on earth.**

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, You alone are the most High, Jesus Christ, With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, the glory of God the Father. **Glory to God, glory in the highest, peace to his people, peace on earth. Amen. Amen.**

*The Celebrant says:* Let us pray: 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.. **Amen.**

## The Scriptures

### *Genesis 28:10-17*

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.'

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Remain seated as the Choir sing  
Psalm 19 v7-end - Caeli enarrant*

The law of the Lord is an undefiled law, converting the soul : the testimony of the Lord is sure, and giveth wisdom unto the simple.

The statutes of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart : the commandment of the Lord is pure, and giveth light unto the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean, and endureth for ever : the judgments of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold : sweeter also than honey, and the honey-comb.

Moreover, by them is thy servant taught : and in keeping of them there is great reward.

Who can tell how oft he offendeth : O cleanse thou me from my secret faults.

Keep thy servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the dominion over me : so shall I be undefiled, and innocent from the great offence.

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart : be alway acceptable in thy sight,

O Lord : my strength, and my redeemer.

### *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!’

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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### *Hymn Number 391*

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*Turn to face the Book of the Gospels as it moves to the centre of the nave. ‘Alleluia’ is sung.*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*John 1:47-51*

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.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*A sermon is preached.*

### **The Intercessions & Peace**

*Kneel or sit to pray. The following response may be used:* Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer

*At the end:* Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*The baptism party are invited to the front. The celebrant asks the congregation these questions:*

Will you support this child as they begin their journey of faith?  
**We will!**

Will you help them to live and grow within God's family?  
**We will!**

*The celebrant addresses the parents and godparents:*

Parents and godparents, the Church receives Primrose with joy as they begin their journey in faith. Today we are trusting God for their growth in faith. Will you pray for them, care for them, walk with them in the way of Christ, and help them to take their place within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

*They answer: With the help of God, we will.*

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

*They answer: I reject them.*

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

*They answer: I renounce them.*

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?



*They answer: I repent of them.*

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

*They answer: I turn to Christ.*

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

*They answer: I submit to Christ.*

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

*They answer: I come to Christ.*

Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of his cross.

*The celebrant, parents, and godparents makes the sign of the Cross on the infant's forehead using their thumbs.*

*Then the celebrant says:*

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, restore in you the image of his glory, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ. **Amen.**

*The celebrant takes up the holy oil of catechumens:*

We anoint you with the oil of salvation in the name of Christ our Saviour; may he strengthen you with his power, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified. **Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ against sin, the world and the devil, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**

*The baptism party moves to the font, members of the congregation are invited to move for a better view.*

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess together with these candidates the faith of the Church. Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*The infant is brought to the font, and water is sprinkled on its forehead as the celebrant says:*

Primrose Kathleen, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*The celebrant takes up the holy oil of chrism:*

God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has freed you from sin, given you a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and welcomed you into his holy people. He now anoints you with the chrism of salvation. As Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet, and King, so may you live always as a member of his body, sharing everlasting life.

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism: by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.

**We welcome you into the fellowship of faith; we are children of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you.**

*Stand for the Peace* The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

*As the altar is prepared, and a collection taken, we sing:*

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*Hymn Number 373*  
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## **The Eucharistic Prayer**

*The Celebrant prays over the offerings, and all respond Amen.*

The Lord is here. **His Spirit is with us. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant prays the Preface, leading into:*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. All kneel or sit**

All glory be to you, our heavenly Father, who, in your tender mercy, gave your only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there by his one oblation of himself once offered a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; he instituted, and in his holy gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again.

Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray, and grant that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, we receiving these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine, according to your

Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Therefore, Lord and heavenly Father, in remembrance of the precious death and passion, the mighty resurrection and glorious ascension of your dear Son Jesus Christ, we offer you through him this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

Grant that by his merits and death, and through faith in his blood, we and all your Church may receive forgiveness of our sins and all other benefits of his passion. Although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer you any sacrifice, yet we pray that you will accept this the duty and service that we owe. Do not weigh our merits, but pardon our offences, and fill us all who share in this holy communion with your grace and heavenly blessing; through Jesus

Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

*All say boldly: Amen.*

### **Preparation for Communion**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ. **Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.**

**Jesus, lamb of God, have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us. Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.**

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper. **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

## Holy Communion

*Sidespeople will indicate when to move for Holy Communion. All who are baptised are welcome to receive Communion, or do bring this booklet with you to indicate that you wish to receive a blessing instead.*

*After all have received Holy Communion, **Stand as the Celebrant says** Let us pray: 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. Amen.*

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

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*Hymn Number 336*  
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## Going out into the World

*All remain standing for the blessing and dismissal:*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

*The Celebrant blesses and dismisses the congregation.*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **In the name of Christ, Amen!**

*The organ postlude is part of our act of worship, please remain quiet.*

*All are welcome to stay for a Reception and Presentation to launch the Warm Welcome Project*

## October

5th October

### **Cinque Ports Speaker's Day**

*The office of Speaker is held by the mayor of each of the head ports and two ancient towns, in turn. This year the honour falls to Sandwich. Speaker's Day is a highlight of the Civic year. (approx. 11:00 am Speakers Day Service, following blessing at the Quayside approx. 10:30am. All welcome)*

20th October

### **Evensong at St Paul's, Canterbury**

*Our Choir, and the Choir of St Paul's, sing Evensong together in Canterbury, with our Rector preaching.*

## November

1st November

5:30pm

### **Choral Eucharist at Canterbury Cathedral**

*Our Choir sing for the All Saints' Day Eucharist at the Cathedral*

2nd November

Time  
TBA

### **All Souls' Day Requiem**

*A quiet, said Requiem Mass/Eucharist will be offered for all departed souls and loved ones*

10th

November

### **Remembrance Sunday**

*11:00am - Act of Remembrance at the Town War Memorial, Market Street*

*c11:20am - Service of Remembrance at St Clement's  
5:00pm Sung Requiem Mass/Eucharist, the Choir sing Fauré's Requiem, offered for all departed souls and loved ones*

16th

November

9:00am

### **Churches Together Prayer Breakfast**

*We host the Churches of Sandwich for prayer, food, and preparation of our Christmas cards*

## A hymn, a prayer

Christ, the fair glory of the holy angels,  
thou who hast made us, thou who o'er us rules,  
grant of thy mercy, unto us thy servants,  
steps up to heaven.

Send thy archangel, Michael, to our succour;  
peacemaker blessèd, may he banish from us  
striving and hatred, so that for the peaceful  
all things may prosper.

Send thine archangel, Gabriel, the mighty;  
herald of heaven, may he from us mortals,  
spurn the old serpent, watching o'er the temples  
where thou art worshiped.

Send thy archangel, Raphael, the restorer,  
of the misguided ways of those who wander,  
who at thy bidding strengthens soul and body  
with thine anointing.

May the blest Mother of our God and Saviour,  
may the assembly of the saints in glory,  
may the celestial companies of angels  
ever assist us.

Father almighty, Son and Holy Spirit,  
God ever blessèd, be thou our preserver;  
thine is the glory which which the angels worship  
veiling their faces.

# Parish Directory

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# Services and Events this week

**Monday 30th September** - **Feria (No Feast)**

**Tuesday 1st October** - **Feria**

**Wednesday 2nd October** - **Feria**

10:00am Holy Communion (*Book of Common Prayer*)

**Thursday 3rd October** - **Feria**

**Friday 4th October** - **Feast of St Francis of Assisi**

10:00am Coffee Pot (*Parish Hall*)

**Saturday 5th October** - **Feria**

Speaker's Day (*See p14*)

**Sunday 6th October** - **Nineteenth Sunday After Trinity**

8:00am Holy Communion (*Book of Common Prayer*)

*Celebrant: The Rector*

10:30am Parish Eucharist (*Common Worship*)

*Celebrant: The Reverend Howard Pashley*

*Preacher: The Reverend Howard Pashley*

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