



The Parish of St. Martin & St. Paul Canterbury

Sunday 29th September 2024

St Michael and All Angels (Michaelmas)

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Today

9.00am Said Eucharist at St Martin's

Celebrant & Address: Reverend Charlotte Sleigh

10.30am Sung Michaelmas Eucharist with SundayZone at St Paul's

Celebrant: Reverend David Stroud

Address: Samuel Keeler-Walker

Hymns: 603, 322, 323, 663

Organist: Ian Payne

Parish prayers:

We pray for Caroline, Lizzy, Ann, Sophie, Harriet, Susan, Sophie Joyce, Kevin, and Nicola. For those applying to be our new Rector. We remember the memorial anniversaries of John Tooth, Christopher Donaldson, Mary Wallis, and Dawn Stroud.

Parish contacts:

Rector: *We are currently in a vacancy. Please contact the Wardens via the office.*

Curate: Rev. Charlotte Sleigh **Email:** curate@martinpaul.org 01227 768072.

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Parish Office: Open 10-12 Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

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Special Prayer Requests Gwyn Hartwell 451366 or Doreen Laven 760372
or on the website at www.martinpaul.org/prayers.

The 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. **Amen.**

First Lesson: Revelation 12.7-12:

⁷ And war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, ⁸ but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ 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. ¹² 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.**

Psalm 103.19-end:

¹⁹The Lord hath prepared his seat in heaven: and his kingdom ruleth over all.
²⁰O praise the Lord, ye angels of his, ye that excel in strength: ye that fulfil his commandment, and hearken unto the voice of his words. ²¹O praise the Lord, all ye his hosts: ye servants of his that do his pleasure. ²²O speak good of the Lord, all ye works of his, in all places of his dominion: praise thou the Lord, O my soul. **(We stand for the Gloria): Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.**

Second Lesson: Hebrews 1. 5-end:

⁵ For 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’? ⁶ And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, ‘Let all God’s angels worship him.’ ⁷ Of the angels he says, ‘He makes his angels winds, and his servants flames of fire.’ ⁸ 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. ⁹ You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.’ ¹⁰ And, ‘In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands; ¹¹ they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing; ¹² 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.’¹³ 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’?¹⁴ Are not all angels spirits in the divine service, sent to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation? This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel: John 1. 47-end:

⁴⁷ When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, ‘Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!’⁴⁸ Nathanael asked him, ‘Where did you come to know me?’ Jesus answered, ‘I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.’⁴⁹ Nathanael replied, ‘Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!’⁵⁰ Jesus answered, ‘Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.’⁵¹ 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.**

Post Communion Collect: 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.

Anthem: The choir will sing *My Soul, there is a country far beyond the stars* (Music by CHH Parry, text by Henry Vaughan).

Notices:

Card Sale: there will be an MU card sale today, Sunday 29th September after the 10.30am service.

Harvest Festival is being celebrated this year on 6th October in both churches. There will be a **harvest lunch** after the St Paul's Harvest Eucharist, sign up at the back of church. Please do bring food donations to offer on the day for Catching Lived and All Saints Community Larder. A list of essentials where there are current shortages are at the back of church.

Week of Accompanied Prayer: 5th-13th October at the Cathedral. Includes a daily afternoon slot with a prayer guide/accompanier for 30 mins. Call Jennifer on 764645, catch her after Church or at home for details and lots of encouragement!

Money, Sex and Power: Meet Eat and Explore – reflections from General Synod by David Kemp, member of Synod for Canterbury Diocese. Wednesday 23rd October, 6.30pm meal and discussion at 7.45pm.

Lift to church: A resident of Chaucer House Nursing Home is *very keen* to worship at St Paul's on Sunday mornings as he has heard of our strong reputation for inclusion. However, he needs someone to drive him here in his specially adapted car. He can manoeuvre himself in and out of the back of the vehicle in his wheelchair but needs someone to drive him here. He is able to pay £14 per hour and insurance is covered. Please speak to Revd Sue White if you can help, it would make a big difference.

Concert at St Paul's: On Sunday 6th October, Canterbury Chamber Choir will be performing a concert of European Choral Music at St Paul's at 6pm. Raising money for Breast Cancer charity CoppaFeel!, 'Musique Sans Frontières' is an inspiring tour of beautiful music, and will feature local musicians, some very familiar to the parish. Tickets £10, free for under 16s. See posters in church for further information, or speak to Sylvia in the parish office.

DIARY

Monday 30 th :	8.30am Morning Prayer at Christ Church University Chapel
Tuesday 1 st :	9.15am Morning Prayer at St Paul's
Wednesday 2 nd :	10:30am Prayer Book Eucharist and Coffee at St Paul's 2.00pm MU Meeting at the Parish Centre
Thursday 3 rd :	12Noon Midday Prayers at St Martin's 8.40pm Compline (Zoom)
Friday 4 th :	9.15am Morning Prayer at St Paul's 7.30pm Choir Practice at St Paul's
Saturday 5 th :	Week of Accompanied prayer begins – see notices
Sunday 6th:	Harvest Festival 9:00am Sung Harvest Eucharist at St Martin's 10:30am Sung Harvest Eucharist with SundayZone at St Paul's. 6.00pm Canterbury Chamber Choir concert at St. Paul's.