

PARTNERS

28th September 2014 - Trinity 15

ANGELS & ARCHANGELS

Today, Sunday 28th, is the Eve of Michaelmas, the Feast of St Michael & All Angels.

Like many other days in the Liturgical calendar, the date, September 29th, is connected with the dedication of a Church to St Michael in Rome on this day in the fifth century - and the celebration spread to the whole of the Western Church.

There is plenty about angels in both the Old and the New Testaments, from the three angels appearing to Abraham in the Book of Genesis, to the Angel Gabriel appearing to Mary in Luke's Gospel, the angel who led Peter out of the prison cell in Acts 12, and the Angels of the Seven Churches in the Book of Revelation.

But what are we to make of angels today? A Google search resulted in 318,000,000 results in 0.31 seconds - I didn't read them all! From the serious to the wacky, discussion about angels is everywhere. The Greek word used in the New Testament is ἄγγελος, angelos, meaning messenger. And however we think of angels, their roles as messengers from God is clear in both the Old and New Testaments.

Each Sunday at the Eucharist we say 'With angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying: Holy, holy, holy Lord'.

As we worship, and in our daily lives, we are surrounded by messengers from God - we are part of something much larger, the Church of God on earth and in heaven, and the whole of God's creation, full of his messages and his messengers.

Blessings, Gary.





GARY OUT AND ABOUT: Gary is now on holiday.

WE WILL BE REMEMBERING Members of the Armed Forces from Fordingbridge who died in World War I on the Centenary of their Deaths. At the Memorial Gates, Entrance to Riverside Park, Ringwood Road at 11.00a.m. A short Commemoration, with known details of their lives, silence and prayers - lasting about 15 minutes. Charles Francis Hall. WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22nd William St John Coventry and on FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31st. Arthur Beaven Budgell. All welcome to come to honour those who have died in war.



2014 HARVEST LUNCH - Sunday 28th September at 12.30pm in the Church Hall. Everyone welcome! £10 adults, £5 for age 16 and under, free for age 5 and under. Soft drinks included, or bring your own. We'd appreciate help too, so please sign up on the list in church with your offer to cook (half-price ticket if you contribute a dessert), set tables, serve, wash up, etc . After-lunch entertainment by Fordingbridge Handbell Ringers. Contact me for your ticket(s) - 01425 656189 - Jane Calver.

PILGRIM COURSE - TURNING TO CHRIST: This is the second session, of a six part course, that will run fortnightly between now and the beginning of December. All are welcome to join us, even if you didn't come to the first session. Session Two - Do you believe and trust in God the Father? What do Christians believe about God? This session uses the Old Testament to look at how God is like a Father. The same session will run on Tuesday 7th October, 7:15pm for tea/coffee, to start at 7:30pm at St Boniface Church, Woodgreen, and also on Wednesday 8th October, 10:15am for tea/coffee, to start at 10:30am at the Rectory, Fordingbridge.



A TRUSSELL TRUST FOOD BANK IN FORDINGBRIDGE? Craig Adams, fund-raiser and Louise Shrubsole, Manager of Ringwood Distribution Centre will tell us more at the 'Churches Together in Fordingbridge' Annual General Meeting on Thurs 16th October at 7pm St George's Church, Damerham (SP6 3HU) (no toilet facilities) Open to all. Come and find out what Churches in the Fordingbridge area are doing - and tell us what could be done better!

READINGS

- for you to use today and during the week

Trinity 15
28th September, 2014

COLLECT:

Lord God,
defend your Church from all false teaching
and give to your people knowledge of your truth,
that we may enjoy eternal life
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN.

PSALM 78:1-7 (*For Morning Prayer*)

- 1 Hear my teaching, O my people;
 incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

- 2 I will open my mouth in a parable;
 I will pour forth mysteries from of old,

- 3 Such as we have heard and known,
 which our forebears have told us.

- 4 We will not hide from their children,
 but will recount to generations to come,
 the praises of the Lord and his power
 and the wonderful works he has done.

- 5 He laid a solemn charge on Jacob
 and made it a law in Israel,
 which he commanded them to teach their children,

6 That the generations to come might know,
and the children yet unborn,
that they in turn might tell it to their children,

7 So that they might put their trust in God
and not forget the deeds of God,
but keep his commandments.

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians

Philippians 2:1-13

Christians are encouraged to follow the example of Christ's humility.

1 If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, 2 make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. 3 Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. 4 Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. 5 Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, 7 but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, 8 he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross. 9 Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. 12 Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; 13 for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

At the end, the Reader says:

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL READING

Please stand and turn to face the Gospel Reader

When the Gospel is announced, the Reader says:

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *Matthew*.

Glory to you, O Lord.

(Glory be to thee, O Lord.)

The religious leaders question Jesus' authority. Then he makes them think about how they need to obey God's will.

23 When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' 24 Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. 25 Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven," he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?" 26 But if we say, "Of human origin," we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' 27 So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. 28 What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." 29 He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. 30 The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. 31 Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. 32 For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.'

At the end, the Reader says:
This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

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(c) New Revised Standard Version of the Holy Bible.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Keep, O Lord, your Church,
with your perpetual mercy;
and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall,
keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful,
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN.

WOULD YOU BE ABLE TO HELP? On Saturday 11th October there will be an HRGB handbell rally in the church hall for 70-80 ringers. I need 3 or 4 people who are happy to make tea/coffee for us at 9.30am, 12.30pm and 3pm so that we can concentrate on the business of ringing - it can be a job share if you like! Would you be able to help at any of these times? If so, just give me a ring on 01725 512267 to find out more. Many thanks - Viv Finch



SILENT AUCTION - start thinking about "items and promises" for this fun evening on Saturday 1st November at 7pm in the church hall. Tickets are only £5 and includes a free glass of wine, soup and ploughmans supper. Ring Viv for tickets and more information.

MESSY CHURCH: The next Messy Church is on Saturday 8th November, 4 - 6 pm, again at the Scout Hall (near the Salvation Army Hall), and everyone is welcome. Pass on the word, and invite friends! Contact: Karen Scrivens 01425 653134

EMERGENCY PRAYER CHAIN - Please send all requests for prayer to prayer@avp-benefice.org.uk. If you feel able to commit to regular prayer for those on the list and wish to become a prayer partner, please also make contact with the above e-mail address.

QUIZ NIGHT FANS - Laudamus, with quiz master Jeremy Stoker (as seen on Eggheads and 15 to 1) is holding a quiz night on Saturday 15th November in St Marys Hall at 7pm. Light supper and homemade cakes included in ticket price £10. Teams of 8 or individuals welcome. Phone: Jenny: 01425 652292 or Christine 653733

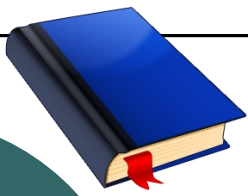


ALL SOULS: Each year the Church remembers those we love who have died. We hold two special services to remember those who have died: This year the services will be on Sunday 2nd November, 4.00 pm at St Boniface, Woodgreen and 6.00 pm at St Mary's, Fordingbridge We extend

a warm invitation to you to attend one of these services. Any members of your family who would like to come to the service, including children, will be very welcome. The service will last something under an hour, and will be followed by refreshments in Church. Forms are now in the back of each church if you would like someone to be mentioned by name, or simply e-mail or telephone the office, but please remember to specify which service you would like the name of your loved one to be read out at.

CHURCH OFFICE: Will be closed next Friday (3rd October). Please ensure that all articles for Partners are submitted by 10am on Thursday. Thanks

REFLECTION: "We can do this together", together, repeated 50 times by Ed Miliband in his Conference speech. "We are all in this together", George Osborne on becoming Chancellor. "We are better together," Scotland's No Campaign. So what does "being together" really mean? - probably whatever the politicians want it to mean, winning votes, reassurance, keeping us voters quiet! We are all born and made in the same way, all living together in the one world. The divisions we have made between, tribes, race, colour, religion have led to frequent and increasingly more violent wars, as now in the Middle East. By not learning to properly listen to each other, we cannot consider the differences in a consensual way. We have not properly understood that we are all united by the Spirit of God within each one of us. Ghandi maintained that to change the world we must change ourselves. Listening without making judgements, "hearing" what we ourselves say, being aware of our own intolerances and fast held opinions, we follow Jesus into the silence to hear the still small voice of love and compassion. Daphne Himmel



This Week's Diary

TRINITY 15

Sunday 28th	8.00 am	Holy Communion	Fordingbridge
	9.30 am	Sung Eucharist	Fordingbridge
	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Hale
	10.45 am	C of E Morning Service	Sandleheath
	11.00 am	Morning Service	Breamore
	11.00 am	Holy Communion	Godshill
	12.30 pm	Harvest Lunch	Church Hall
	6.30 pm	Evensong	Fordingbridge

Monday 29th	9.00 am	Morning Prayer	Fordingbridge
Tues 30th	7.15 pm	Pilgrim Course	Woodgreen

OCTOBER

Weds 1st	9.00 am	Morning Prayer	Fordingbridge
	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Fordingbridge
	10.15 am	Pilgrim Course	Rectory
	7.45 pm	Meditation drop-in	Fordingbridge
Thurs 2nd	10.00am	Holy Communion	Woodgreen
	1.45 pm	Puddle Ducklings	Church Hall
	2.00 pm	<i>Funeral of late Eileen Easthope, F'Bridge</i>	
	7.30 pm	Bell ringing	Fordingbridge
Fri 3rd	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED TODAY		
	6.00 pm	Choir Practice	Fordingbridge

TRINITY 16

Sunday 5th	8.00 am	Holy Communion	Fordingbridge
	8.30 am	Holy Communion	Breamore
	10.30 am	Pet Service	Hale Village Hall
	10.30 am	Allsorts - Harvest	Fordingbridge
	10.45 am	Methodist Service	Sandleheath
	12.00 pm	Baptism	Breamore

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