



ChalkeValley
Church

Chalke Valley Benefice e-Service 16th Sunday after Trinity – 27th September 2020



Opening Music - [click here](#)

Welcome – [click here](#)

Welcome to the service for the Chalke Valley Team. Today we celebrate Michaelmas, the Feast of Saint Michael and All Angels. This Christian festival is observed on 29th September and honours the Archangel Michael the greatest of all the angels. Michaelmas also falls near the equinox, and so this holy day is associated with the beginning of autumn and the shortening of days.

The Lord commands his angels

to keep you in all your ways.

Give thanks to the Lord, all his angels, mighty in power,

who fulfil his command and heed the voice of his word.

Give thanks to the Lord, all his hosts,

His servants that do his will.

Give thanks to the Lord, all his works, in every place where he rules,

my soul, give thanks to the Lord.

For he commands his angels,

to keep you in all your ways.



First Hymn – Ye Holy Angels Bright - [click here](#)

Invitation to Confession – [click here](#)

We have come to Mount Zion, the city of the living God,
the heavenly Jerusalem, to myriads of angels,
to God, the judge of all, and to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant. Hebrews 12.22-24

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;

the whole earth is full of his glory.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Woe is me, for I am lost; I am a person of unclean lips.

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Our guilt is taken away, and our sin is forgiven.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Absolution

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Collect for Michaelmas

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 Reading – Hebrews 1: 5 – end read by Derek Brown – [click here](#)



5 For to which of the angels did God ever say, “You are my Son; today I have become your Father”? Or again, “I will be his Father, and he will be my Son”?

6 And again, when God brings his firstborn into the world, he says, “Let all God’s angels worship him.”

7 In speaking of the angels he says, “He makes his angels spirits, and his servants flames of fire.”

8 But about the Son he says, “Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever; a sceptre of justice will be the sceptre of your kingdom.

9 You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions by anointing you with the oil of joy.”

10 He also says, “In the beginning, Lord, you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands.

11 They will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment.

12 You will roll them up like a robe; like a garment they will be changed. But you remain the same, and your years will never end.”

13 To which of the angels did God ever say, “Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet”?

14 Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading – Jesus Calls Philip and Nathanael - read by Chris Littlemore - [click here](#)



Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (1: 43-end)

Glory to you O Lord

The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, “Follow me.”

Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. Philip found Nathanael and told him, “We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.”

“Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?” Nathanael asked.

“Come and see,” said Philip.

When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, “Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit.”

“How do you know me?” Nathanael asked.

Jesus answered, “I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you.”

Then Nathanael declared, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel.”

Jesus said, “You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that.” He then added, “Very truly I tell you, you will see ‘heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on’ the Son of Man.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ



Talk – Revd Catherine Blundell – [click here](#) a copy of Catherine’s talk is attached



Intercessions – led by Janet Roe - [click here](#)

In the power of the Spirit, and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father.

Father in heaven,

by his blood your Christ has ransomed us to you,

and has made us a kingdom and priests to you our God.

As the angels minister to you in heaven,
strengthen your Church to serve you here on earth.

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Father in heaven,
when the angels greeted the birth of your Son
they sang for joy ‘Glory to God and peace on earth’.
Bless with Christ’s peace the nations of the world.

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Father in heaven,
your Son has promised to your children
the care of the guardian angels who look upon your face.
Protect by your mercy our neighbours, families and friends.

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Father in heaven,
you give your angels charge over those who trust in you
to guard them in all their ways.
Be with those in trouble, rescue them and show them your salvation.

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Father in heaven,
your angel declares ‘Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.’

‘Blessed indeed,’ says the Spirit,

‘for they may rest from their labours,

for they take with them the record of their deeds.’

Enfold in your love all who come in faith

to your judgement seat in heaven.

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Father in heaven,
the angels sing by day and night around your throne:
'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty.'
With Michael, prince of the angels, who contends by our side,
with Gabriel, your herald, who brings glad tidings,
with Raphael, the protector, who ministers your healing,
and with the whole company of heaven,
we worship you, we give you glory,
we sing your praise and exalt you for ever. **Amen.**

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray....

**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.**



Second Hymn – Angel voices ever singing - [click here](#)

Conclusion - [click here](#)



Let us pray

Blessing and honour and thanksgiving and praise more than we can utter, more than we can conceive,
be to you, most holy and glorious Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, from all angels, and all people, all creatures
for ever and ever.

May God the Father keep you in the fellowship of his saints;

Christ protect you by the ministry of the angels;

the Spirit make you holy in God's service;

and the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.



Closing Music [click here](#)

Menuet no2 from the Royal Fireworks composed by George Frideric Handel 1749

Played by Richard Trahair with the angels from the east window, St Michael & All Angels church,
Coombe Bissett



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