



Sunday 20 Sept 2026 - Season of Creation

Sun 20 Sept	10.30am: Holy Eucharist President and Preacher: Fr Simon
Wed 23 Sept	9.30am: Morning Prayer at St Michael's Chapel
	10am: Holy Eucharist at St Michael's Chapel
Sun 27 Sept	10.30am: St Michael's Day Holy Eucharist President and Preacher: Fr Simon

WE PRAY FOR

In need: Angela, Hazel, Rosie Hayler, David Yarnold, Morwenna Nicholls, Rowan & Gill Hughes, baby Shae

The departed: Mary Copsey

In memory: Philip Grattidge, Gerald Pinney, Hilary Soper, Audrey Court, Paul Tunnicliffe.

COLLECT PRAYER

Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Jonah 3.10-4.11

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the LORD and said, 'O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.' And the LORD said, 'Is it right for you to be angry?' Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about

the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, 'It is better for me to die than to live.'

But God said to Jonah, 'Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?' And he said, 'Yes, angry enough to die.' Then the LORD said, 'You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labour and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?'

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 20.1-16

'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard."

When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

NOTICES

Names for Prayers. This list will be revised from the end of Sept. If you wish names to be included please let Paul or Jennifer know.

There will be no produce table on Sun 20 Sept.

Next Sunday, 27 Sep, is our Eucharist in honour of our Patron, St Michael. If you would like to, please bring your lunch and we will eat together after the service!

The following Sunday, 4 Oct, is our Harvest Service. We will be collecting items for Helping Hands and hope to be able to gather an excellent 'harvest' of goods! Fr Simon.

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1. God of mercy, God of grace,
show the brightness of thy face;
shine upon us, Saviour, shine,
fill thy church with light divine;
and thy saving health extend
unto earth's remotest end.

Let the people praise thee, Lord;
be by all that live adored;
let the nations shout and sing
glory to their Saviour King;
at thy feet their tribute pay,
and thy holy will obey.

Let the people praise thee, Lord;
earth shall then her fruits afford;
God to man his blessing give,
man to God devoted live;
all below, and all above,
one in joy and light and love.

2. Jesus, be the centre,
be my source, be my light, Jesus.

Jesus, be the centre,
be my hope, be my song, Jesus.

*Be the fire in my heart,
be the wind in these sails,
be the reason that I live,
Jesus, Jesus.*

Jesus, be my vision,
be my path, be my guide, Jesus.

*Be the fire in my heart,
be the wind in these sails,
be the reason that I live,
Jesus, Jesus.*

3. When God Almighty came to earth
he took the pain of Jesus' birth,
he took the flight of refugee,
and whispered, 'Humbly follow me.'

When God Almighty went to work
carpenter's sweat he didn't shirk,
profit and loss he did not flee
but whispered, 'Humbly follow me.'

When God Almighty walked the street
the critic's curse he had to meet,
the cynic's smile he had to see
and whispered, 'Humbly follow me.'

When God Almighty met the folk
of peace and truth he gladly spoke
to set the slave and tyrant free
and whispered, 'Humbly follow me.'

When God Almighty took his place
to save the fallen, human race,
He took it boldly on a tree
and whispered, 'Humbly follow me.'

When God Almighty comes again,
he'll meet us incognito as then;
and though no words may voice his plea,
he'll whisper, 'Are you following me?'

4. Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we first begun.