



The Chapels Royal of St Peter ad Vincula and St John the Evangelist HM Tower of London

Dear friends,

This coming Sunday is the Saints' Day known as *St Michael and All Angels*. This particular festival doesn't often fall on a Sunday, so it's a great opportunity for us to make something special of it. St Michael is an Archangel (one of three) who is leader of heaven's armies and defeater of Lucifer, or the devil. This festival, sometimes referred to as Michaelmas tide, is associated with a number of traditions.

One which I particularly like has its origins on the Isle of Skye, where a procession is held, led by people holding Michaelmas daisies. There is an old saying, in the west of Ireland and elsewhere, that '*If you eat a goose on Michaelmas Day, you will never lack money any a day*'. If only that were true!



This festival is one of the oldest in the Christian calendar and started with the dedication of a church in Rome to St Michael in the 5th century. It may well be that the name Michael, which is Hebrew in origin and means 'who is like God' or 'gift from God', led to the popularity of the name ever since.

St Michael is also the patron saint of soldiers, marines and paratroopers.

Harvest Festival

This year our Harvest Festival is on Sunday 6th October. We shall have three groups of people joining us and this year, we will be collecting for the **London Hygiene Bank** (details in the box below), which we have been faithfully supporting for the last two years. If everyone could bring just one item in support of this organisation, that would be very much appreciated. I look forward to seeing you all.

With my best wishes thoughts and prayers, Roger.

The London Hygiene Bank.

List of items currently needed can be found at their website - <https://thehygienebank.com>



Sunday Service Details for 29th September 2024
Feast of St Michael and All Angels

0915 Holy Communion St Peter ad Vincula
1100 Holy Communion St Peter ad Vincula

Readings

Revelation 12: 7-12.
Matthew 18: 1-10.

Collect for St Michael and All Angels

O Everlasting God, who hast ordained and constituted the services of Angels and men in a wonderful order; Mercifully grant, that as thy holy Angels always do thee service in heaven, so by thy appointment they may succour and defend us on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Poem of the week

As you would expect, given all this discussion about angels, I couldn't resist the opportunity to choose a poem on the subject; and what better than William Blake's famous and evocative poem *The Angel!* It was published in 1794 as part of his collection *Songs of Experience* and, as the scholar William Andrew has commented, 'It speaks of the fascinating concept of angels. The idea of the angel is common within the Abrahamic religions (Islam, Christianity, Judaism and Bahá'í), as well as being mentioned in Sikh and Zoroastrian texts. The idea of having a guardian angel is one that is thousands of years old, and in each form of the phrase, there are core similarities: that an angel is a spiritual, otherworldly being charged with the benevolent task of fulfilling the will of the Divine on Earth'.

The Angel

I dreamt a dream! What can it mean?
And that I was a maiden Queen
Guarded by an Angel mild:
Witless woe was ne'er beguiled!

And I wept both night and day,
And he wiped my tears away;
And I wept both day and night,
And hid from him my heart's delight.

So he took his wings, and fled;
Then the morn blushed rosy red.
I dried my tears, and armed my fears
With ten thousand shields and spears.

Soon my Angel came again;
I was armed, he came in vain;
For the time of youth was fled,
And grey hairs were on my head

William Blake 1757-1827

Our Congregation

On Saturday 21st September, Tim and Meg were married in the Chapel of St Peter ad Vincula.



Jigsaw

<https://www.jigsawplanet.com/?rc=play&pid=off345490c7>



'Three film stars!'



Historic Royal Palaces

Shire horses George and Arthur were busy helping the team to mow in the traditional manner at Kensington Palace this week. This method is gentler on the soil than more modern methods, as well as being a sustainable alternative to tractors.



Prayers

Please continue to remember those on our sick list, some of whom are very ill, amongst whom we name Stanley, John, Dom, Barbara, Ann, Ros, Mark, Dan, Ian, Florence and Kofi.

RIP

Val Abbnett

Please continue to pray for Ukraine, Israel and Palestine:

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine, Israel and Palestine today.

We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.

We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.

We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment, and compassion to guide their decisions.

Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.

This we pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of peace. Amen.

With best wishes to all, Roger.



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Donations to the Chapel

We are always grateful for financial contributions to help us in our work. If you would like to support the Chapels Royal, HM Tower of London by setting up a Standing Order, making a one-off donation to Chapel Funds or setting up a Direct Debit, this is how to do it.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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Account number: **00027597**

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Please see below for the Standing Order and Gift Aid forms.

Thank you again for your generosity.

The HM Tower of London Chapels Royal Foundation



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bank] [*Sort code*] _____ [*Account No.*] _____

Please remit £ _____ to the account detailed below commencing on

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[*Signature*] _____ [*Date of signing*] _____

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I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in the tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference. *If this does not apply, please strike through and continue with the rest of this form.*

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