



St Michael's Messenger

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A prayer for the month of August

Almighty God,

*in this summer season as the days begin to wane,
we give thanks for long light, warm sun, and fruitful fields.
Grant us rest amid work, joy amid stillness, and peace amid change.
We pray for those who tend the earth, those who travel, and those who seek solace.
Refresh the weary, uphold the faithful, and stir in us a spirit of gratitude and renewal.
May we walk in the light of your presence all the days of our lives,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Amen.



Diary Dates August 2026

Sunday 2 August 10h00 – Eucharist – Trinity 9

Readings: 1. Isaiah 55 1-5 <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah%2055%3A%201-5%20&version=NRSVA>
2. Romans 9 1-5 <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans%209%3A%201-5&version=NRSVA>

Sunday 9 August 10h00 – Eucharist – Trinity 10

Readings: 1. Daniel 7. 9-10, 13-14 <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Daniel%207%3A%209-14%20&version=NRSVA>
2. 2 Peter 1. 16-19 <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2%20Peter%201%3A%2016-19%20&version=NRSVA>

Sunday 16 August 10h00 – Eucharist – Trinity 11

Readings: 1. Isaiah 61 10-end <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah%2061%3A%2010-11&version=NRSVA>
2. Galatians 4. 4-7 <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Galatians%204%3A%204-7&version=NRSVA>

Sunday 23 August 10h00 – Eucharist – Trinity 12

Readings: 1. Isaiah 51. 1-6 <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah%2051%3A%201-6&version=NRSVA>
2. Romans 12. 1-8 <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans%2012%3A%201-8&version=NRSVA>

Sunday 30 August 10h00 – Eucharist – Trinity 13

Readings: 1. Jeremiah 15. 15-21 <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Jeremiah%2015%3A%2015-21&version=NRSVA>
2. Romans 12. 9-end <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans%2012%3A%209-21&version=NRSVA>

Thursdays at 12h15 Bien-Être Exercise and Relaxation

Fridays at 19h00 Pentecostal Service in French



Chaplain's Message



Time flies as they say and already John and I have been in Beaulieu-Sur-Mer for nearly a month. It's been a full on few weeks settling in the apartment, meeting people, completing documents, opening bank accounts, dealing with the moving company... and all in this very hot weather. Most of all we've received the warmest of welcomes from St Michael's people and have been treated to the finest hospitality... thank you.

I realise of course that I have only met some of you and the task of getting to know you all is going to take some time given the transient nature of our congregation. I'm not so good at remembering names but am doing my best so it's going to be

useful if when we meet you simply say your name even if you've already said it a few times, it really will help.

I recall my school days and my physics teacher Mr Hopkinson, who managed to remember the names of all the pupils after meeting them for the first time at the beginning of a new term... what a gift.

Sharing this makes me think of a favourite psalm which is Psalm 139...

'O LORD, you have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar. You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, you know it altogether.'

The psalm speaks of the intimate way that we are known by our loving God, every one of us known by name, every one of us precious in his sight. It's quite mind blowing really but this is the nature of the God who has called us to himself.

We live in a world which is increasingly secular and leaves some people lonely and isolated and this can have a detrimental effect upon their daily lives. Being known and loved, being recognized and affirmed can have quite a positive effect upon our human flourishing. Our church community is a place where that can happen, where all people whoever they are can find a place to be comfortable and happy, indeed come to that knowledge that they are known as Psalm 139 makes clear and despite this still be loved beyond measure and our wild imagining. That's always been my vision for the church and it's good to see St Michael's sharing that vision as well.

God bless you all as we begin a new season in the life of St. Michael's together.

- Father Andy

Upcoming events at St Michael's



As is our annual tradition, on the occasion of the **Journées Européennes du Patrimoine**, the church will be open 10am-12noon and 2pm-4pm on **Saturday 19 September and from 2pm-4pm on Sunday 20 September**. St Michael's is among the thousands of historic and culturally significant buildings across France which open their doors to the public during this special weekend. While our church is open to all, all year round, this is an opportunity to learn more about the history and the building of St Michael's church, designated as a *Monument historique*, with guided tours in French and English given free of charge.

St Michael's Patronal Feast will be celebrated on **Sunday 27 September**. Immediately after the service, please join us for the annual **Fellowship Lunch** in the garden, which will start with an apéro, followed by lunch around noon. The donation is €30 per person and a bottle of your choice to share. The proceeds help support St Michael's church.

Please book in advance, either by signing up at the back of the church, or emailing Egill and Nicola at ekarlsen@wanadoo.fr



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