



St Michael's Messenger

MAY 2026

A prayer for the month of May

*My heart is not proud, Lord,
my eyes are not haughty;
I do not concern myself with great matters
or things too wonderful for me.
But I have calmed and quieted myself,
I am like a weaned child with its mother;
like a weaned child I am content.
Israel, put your hope in the Lord
both now and forevermore.*

- Psalm 131



Welcome Fr Andrew!

After two years interregnum following the passing of Fr Anthony Ingham, we are very pleased to announce that **Revd Andrew Graham Wallis** is to be formally Licensed as the new permanent priest at St Michael's.

Fr Andrew is currently the Vicar of Christ Church, Coromandel Town on the Coromandel Peninsula in the North Island of Aotearoa, New Zealand. He is British and has many years of service in the Anglican Church in various positions. Fr Andrew also has a medical background as a specialist nurse. He is arriving with his partner John. We are very much looking forward to his arrival and his leadership of our congregation and our wider community. Pending the approval of Fr Andrew's visa, the formal Licensing ceremony, led by Archdeacon Peter Hooper, will take place at St Michael's on Pentecost Sunday, 24 May.



Diary Dates May 2026

Sunday 3 May 10h00 – Eucharist – Easter 5

Readings: 1. Acts 7 55-end <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Acts%207%3A%2055-60&version=NRSVA>
2. 1 Peter 2 1-10 <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1%20Peter%202%3A%201-10&version=NRSVA>

Celebrant Priest: Fr Patrick Springford

Sunday 10 May 10h00 – Eucharist – Easter 6

Readings: 1. Acts 17 22-31 <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Acts%2017%3A%2022-31&version=NRSVA>
2. 1 Peter 3 13-end <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1%20Peter%203%3A%2013-22&version=NRSVA>

Celebrant Priest: Fr Patrick Springford

Sunday 17 May 10h00 – Eucharist – Easter 7

Readings: 1. Acts 1 6-14 <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Acts%201%3A%206-14&version=NRSVA>
2. 1 Peter 4 12-14; 1 Peter 5: 6-11 <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1%20Peter%204%3A%2012-14%20&version=NRSVA> <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1%20Peter%205%3A%206-11&version=NRSVA>

Celebrant Priest: Fr Patrick Springford

Sunday 24 May 10h00 – Pentecost Sunday *

*** It is expected that St Michael's new priest, Revd Andrew Graham Wallis, will be formally Licensed this Sunday, in a formal ceremony led by Archdeacon Peter Hooper; there will be no Eucharist and Communion will not be offered.**

Readings: 1. To be arranged
2. To be arranged

In the event the Licensing cannot take place due to a delay in Fr Andrew's visa, Eucharist will be celebrated this Sunday as usual.

Readings: 1. Acts 2 1-21 <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Acts%202%3A%201-21&version=NRSVA>
2. 1 Corinthians 12 3b-13 <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1%20Corinthians%2012%3A%203b-13%20&version=NRSVA>

Celebrant Priest: Archdeacon Peter Hooper

Sunday 31 May 10h00 – Eucharist – Trinity Sunday

Readings: 1. Isaiah 40 12-17; 27-end; <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah%2040%3A%2012-17&version=NRSVA>
<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah%2040%3A%2027-31&version=NRSVA>
2. 2 Corinthians 13 11-end <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2%20Corinthians%2013%3A%2011-13&version=NRSVA>

Celebrant Priest: To be announced

Thursdays at 12h15 Exercise and Relaxation

Fridays at 19h00 Pentecostal Service in French



Easter Week 2026

Easter, celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, is also a time to reflect on the meaning of life and the power of love and forgiveness. Through the symbolism of Easter, we are reminded that no matter how dark things may seem, there is always hope in the power of resurrection and new beginnings.

Eastertide Services at St Michael's included a Maundy Thursday and Good Friday service with the reading of the Passion of Christ. Nearly 80 worshippers attended the Easter Day service on Sunday 5 April, a full house with even the reserve chairs off to the sidelines being used by some people. The Eucharist was celebrated by our locum, Fr David Houghton, including the lighting of the Paschal Candle. Everyone turned toward the baptismal font at the back of the church as Fr David walked back toward the sanctuary, sprinkling holy water from the font on the congregation with a well-soaked branch of rosemary. Refreshments were served in the garden afterwards. Many thanks to all who attended and especially to all those volunteers who gave their time and talents to make Easter Day 2026 at St Michael's a joyous celebration for all.



Before the celebration, the Big Spring Clean...



***A big thank you to
everyone who pitched in!***

Photos: Barry, Beth, Egill, Eric, Kimberlee

2026 Annual Church Chaplaincy Meeting

Members of the Electoral Roll and the Church Chaplaincy Council attended the Annual Church Chaplaincy Meeting following the service on Sunday, 19 April.

Leading the meeting, Archdeacon Peter Hooper announced the appointment of Fr Andrew Graham Wallis as St Michael's new priest. AD Hooper will lead the licensing ceremony for Fr Andrew at St Michael's which is planned for Pentecost Sunday, 24 May.

The following members of the congregation were elected to the CCC during the meeting:

Churchwarden	Robert Henry
Churchwarden	Egill Sten Karlsen
Archdeaconery Synod Representative	Justin Hayward
Archdeaconery Synod Representative	Nicola Karlsen
Representative of laity	David Knight
Representative of laity	Graeme Batt
Representative of laity	Monica Cashman
Representative of laity	Chris Sladden
Representative of laity	Jacqueline Parhad

Immediately after the meeting, the following roles were appointed:

Chair	Vacant
Lay Vice Chair	Nicola Karlsen
Treasurer	John Briggs
Secretary	Nicola Karlsen
Safeguarding Officer	Monica Cashman
Electoral Roll Officer	Graeme Batt
Environmental officer	Graeme Batt

Archdeacon Peter Hooper is moving on



The Venerable Dr Peter Hooper, Archdeacon of France and Switzerland, will be leaving the Diocese this summer. During his time as Archdeacon, Peter has recruited 20 chaplains for France and 7 for Switzerland, a job which entailed extensive travel as well as working toward conflict resolution in a number of chaplaincies. With his recent marriage to Liz in May of last year, AD Hooper has decided to return to the Diocese of Leicester to assist in the change process underway there. In a message to the Diocese in Europe, Bishop Robert wrote "we are enormously grateful for all that

Peter has given us, and I hope that his remaining months with us are happy and fulfilling." Thank you, AD Peter for your service to the Church and to St Michael's!

Thank you to our locums...

As two years of interregnum without a permanent priest at St Michael's come to a close, many thanks once again to our locums who provided us with inspiration and guidance...

Fr Paul Willis, Fr Charles Wallace, Fr Grant Holmes, Rev Christine Hall, Fr Richard Morgan, Fr Matthew Harrison, Fr Stephen McCarthy, Rev Liz Morris, Rev Chris Wingfield, Fr Ed Hanson, Rev Margaret Marquardt and Fr Brett Ward

Special thanks to ***Fr David Houghton***, who led a total of 35 services over the past two years, including two Easters and one Christmas. And welcome back to ***Fr Patrick Springford*** and his wife Carole. Fr Pat was one of the first locums to celebrate Eucharist with us as the interregnum began back in 2024 and will be with us once again for three Sundays in May, as the interregnum period ends with the Licensing of Fr Andrew Graham Wallis as St Michael's permanent priest.



Nicola and Fr David



Fr Pat Springford and Carole

***To all our locums, from the entire
St Michael's congregation and community,
THANK YOU!***

Giving at St Michael's

You may not be aware that France has an interesting approach to charitable giving, with a very generous system of tax refunds to donors. Charities are also normally able to receive legacies tax free whereas most heirs and beneficiaries end up paying inheritance tax!

To find out if how this works and which elements may apply to you, please come along to this seminar at St Michaels:

"The unexpected tax benefits of charitable giving in France"

Saturday 30th May at 11am

The event is open to all, free of charge, and will be followed by an apéro!

- Nicola

 **Saturday 30 May**  11am

 **St Michael's Church, Beaulieu Sur Mer**

Discovery

Discover the unexpected tax benefits of charitable giving in France.



Join us for a practical financial presentation with Blevins Franks Financial Adviser, James Griffiths. James will explain the tax reductions and exemptions available to French taxpayers who make charitable donations, whether during your lifetime or as part of your estate planning.

Open to everyone & Questions welcome
Presentation followed by Apéro



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And on another note...

Following Easter, we know you are longing to spring clean, sort out some of those drawers and wardrobe cupboards, look in some of your jacket pockets and wonder for the tenth year in a row what you are going to do with those left-over foreign bank notes that you somehow held onto for yet another year. Help is at hand! Please consider donating your foreign bank notes to St Michael's! They will be exchanged and contributed to our church. Just put them in the donation box at the back of the church or give them to Jacqueline, Monica, Bob or Egill. All major currencies (bank notes only, no coins) are accepted. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

- Jacqueline

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