



St Michael's Messenger

SEPTEMBER 2026

A prayer for the month of September

O everlasting God,

*who hast ordained and constituted
the services of angels and men in a wonderful order:
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.



Diary Dates August-September 2026

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>

Sunday 6 September 10h00 – Eucharist – Trinity 14

Readings: 1. Ezekiel 33 7-11 <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ezekiel%2033%3A%207-11&version=NRSVA>
2. Romans 13 8-end <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans%2013%3A%208-14&version=NRSVA>

Sunday 13 September 10h00 – Eucharist – Trinity 15

Readings: 1. Genesis 50 15-21 <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis%2050%3A%2015-21&version=NRSVA>
2. Romans 14 1-12 <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans%2014%3A%201-12&version=NRSVA>

Sunday 20 September 10h00 – Eucharist – Trinity 16

Readings: 1. Jonah 3 10-end of 4 <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Jonah%203%3A%2010&version=NRSVA>
<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Jonah%204%20&version=NRSVA>
2. Philippians 1. 21-end <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Philippians%201%3A%2021-30&version=NRSVA>

Sunday 27 September 10h00 – Eucharist – St Michael's Patronal Feast

Readings: 1. Genesis 28 10-17 <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis%2028%3A%2010-17&version=NRSVA>
2. Revelation 12 7-12 <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Revelation%2012%3A%207-12&version=NRSVA>

Patronal Fellowship Lunch (*please book in advance*)

Thursdays at 12h15 Bien-Être Exercise and Relaxation

Fridays at 19h00 Pentecostal Service in French



From Father Andy...



Creation-tide, commonly known as the Season of Creation, is a time in the church's year of celebrations introduced by the late Ecumenical Patriarch, Demetrios I in 1989. Since then, September 1 (chosen because it is first day of the Orthodox church's year) has been adopted as the start of Creationtide. This is the season, running through to St Francis day on 4 October, when churches and congregations are called to remember the responsibility of humanity for the Earth and for all that lives upon it and its beginning and end dates reflect that it is an ecumenical initiative, a shared idea between Western and Eastern Christianity.

Churches Together in Britain and Ireland adopted this concept in 2008 and in 2016, Pope Francis declared 1 September an annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation.

While this was in part driven by the complex environmental crises facing the human race, the Season of Creation draws on much deeper roots in Scripture and in older Christian traditions of the relationship between God, humanity and the created order.

The timing of the Season of Creation means it is an excellent way of rooting traditional harvest festivals at this time of year in the wider issues and firm theological ground.

The theme for the Season of Creation 2026 is 'Living Water' based on verses from Ezekiel (*chapter 47, verses 1-12*) where God's life-giving water is seen to flow from the temple of God, growing deeper, restoring barren land, reviving waters and sustaining flourishing ecosystems.



This vision creates in us a sense responsibility to recognize the damage we as human beings have inflicted on the good earth, it encourages us to embrace an interconnectedness with the whole of creation, we are called to immerse ourselves in the water and actively safeguard and work for the renewal of creation so that environmental healing and human well-being may flourish together.

This is an exciting time of celebration when we have an opportunity to explore some important issues.

Patronal Festival

September is also the month during which we celebrate our Patronal Festival. St. Michael the archangel, our patron, is mentioned several times in the scriptures as one of the chief heavenly princes who protects and guards. As we commemorate him, we give thanks for and pray for our church here in Beaulieu-Sur-Mer, our common life together as the people of God and our mission and ministry as we seek to be faithful disciples of the Lord Jesus.

St. Michael's Day falls midweek on 29 September but we will celebrate on **Sunday 27 September** with a Solemn Eucharist at 10 am followed by our traditional Fellowship Lunch (it is essential to book in advance, please see more details, below).

Do come and spread the word.

- Father Andy



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



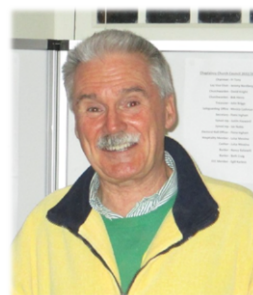
From the Churchwardens

We are looking for volunteers to run the music system during our Sunday services. It's quite straightforward once you know how to do it. Anyone who wants to pitch in and help out will get the guidance, and also the gratitude of the congregation. Please don't forget to sign up on the sheets at the back of the church for refreshments and readings. As always, we are available to answer your questions. Thank you again for serving St Michael's.

- Egill and Bob

Going out on a high note

Barry Coffey is retiring as St Michael's "musical director." After 14 years of Sundays (and many other days) in the organ loft choosing, editing and playing back hymns and incidental music during services and special events, Barry is handing over the laptop to his successor (see Churchwarden's notes, above). The entire St Michael's community owes Barry a debt of gratitude for his extraordinary dedication to a key role in our church.



Most but perhaps not all of our congregation may know that Barry also has a life outside of St Michael's. He is the former Irish national badminton champion and after taking up the sport of padel in 2015, three years later was ranked No. 1 on the British Padel Tour of over-45s. As president of the Irish Padel Association, Barry is also a tireless advocate for the sport, having founded the Six Nations Masters Padel Tournament as well as continuing to compete internationally.

Away from the padel court and the organ loft, Barry can still be found at St Michael's most Sundays. Please congratulate Barry on a job well done!

THE FEAST OF ST MICHAEL
Patronal Feast Day Celebration
Fellowship Lunch

Sunday, 27 September 2026

Join us for the annual Fellowship Lunch in the garden, immediately after the service.
We'll start with an apéro, followed by lunch around noon.

Donation: € 30 per person and a bottle of your choice to share.
Proceeds support St Michael's.

Please book in advance. You can either sign up at the back of the church,
or email Egill and Nicola at

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We look forward to welcoming friends old and new!



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