

THE FEAST OF
ST. MICHAEL
& ALL ANGELS

October 1, 2017

*The Lord is glorious in his saints;
O come let us worship!*

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer:

✠ Psalm 34 | 2 Kings 6:8-17 | Acts 12:1-11

9:00 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist

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9:45 a.m. – Sunday School: Parish Hall
Time with Fr. Stockall

10:30 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist

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♪ Recessional Hymn:	Christ the Fair Glory <i>please see the bulletin insert</i>

*Please join us in the Parish Hall
following the 10:30 Celebration for
our 1st Annual Fall Fair!*

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From the Rector _____

The belief in the ministry of the angels is well supported in Holy Scripture. Angels are represented as an innumerable multitude of beings intermediate between God and humanity in Genesis 32:1 and Daniel 7:10. They serve as God's messengers (which is the meaning of the word angel) in Genesis 16:7 and

Judges 6:11; while in Isaiah 6 and Job they form the heavenly court and sing the praises of God, whose commands they always obey.

Our Lord spoke often of his belief in the ministry of angels; and, according to His teaching, the angels are spiritual beings (Matthew 22:30) who enjoy the vision of God in heaven (as in this morning's Gospel); and they are to accompany Him at His Second Coming (Matthew 16:27). The New Testament authors represent Christ as surrounded by angels at the most important periods of His life: they announce His Incarnation (Luke 1:26-37) and His Birth (Luke 2:9-15); they minister to Him in the wilderness (Matthew 4:11), strengthen Him in His agony (Luke 22:43), would be ready to defend Him when He is arrested (Matthew 26:53), and are the first witnesses of His resurrection (Matthew 28:2-7; John 20:12).

In the Book of Revelation their worship in heaven is the model for the worship of the Church, and their ministry at the end of the world is the visionary development of our Lord's teaching. They serve as a defense against the power of evil (as in this morning's Lesson); and the guardian angels serve as a defense for God's people against evil day by day.

In Christian teaching the hierarchy of angels was codified in the 12th Century by St. Thomas Aquinas in his *Summa Theologica*. The highest of the nine orders of angels are the six-winged *Seraphim* who are closest to God and were first seen by the Prophet Isaiah (6:1-7). Next are the four-winged *Cherubim*, witnessed by Ezekiel (28:14). The third order is the wheel-like *Thrones* as described in Ezekiel 1:13-19. The middle triad includes *Dominions*, *Virtues*, and *Powers* as spoken of in Ephesians 6:12 and Colossians 2:15. The third and lowest triad includes *Principalities* and *Archangels*, who with *Angels* are the guardians of people and all physical things.

Michael, whose name means *who is like God*, is regarded as the greatest of the seven archangels, and is mentioned in Daniel, Jude, and Revelation. A second archangel, Gabriel, is depicted as a messenger from God in both Daniel and Luke; while Raphael, whose name means *God has healed*, is mentioned in the apocryphal book of Tobit.

While much popular theology speaks of angels in ways that do not serve to lead us closer to Christ, we can with confidence look to the ministry of the angels as an integral part of God's plan for our healing, hope, and salvation. The forces of those who are with us in our journey with Christ are far greater than the forces of those that oppose us, as we are reminded by the Collect for Protection in the service of Compline (BCP p. 726):

Visit we beseech thee, O Lord, this place and drive from it all the snares of the enemy; let thy holy angels dwell herein to preserve us in peace; and may thy blessing be upon us evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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Here [in His holy House of Prayer] we may come on our day of rest, and be safe, if we will, from any thoughts but those of the world to come. Here we gather together for no earthly business, but for a purpose of one sort only; and that purpose is the same for which saints and angels are met together in that innumerable company before the throne of God. If there is a place on earth which, however faintly and dimly, shadows out the courts of God on high, surely it is where His people are met together, in all their weakness and ignorance and sin, in their poor and low estate, yet with humble and faithful hearts, in His House of Prayer.

R. W. Church (1815-1890), *Village Sermons*, 1897

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Parish Notices and Updates

VERY SINCERE THANKS ARE OFFERED to all those who were able to help with our recent Bridge Luncheon. An excellent turnout enjoyed a delightful lunch prepared by a large and enthusiastic team. In all, approximately \$900.00 was raised, to be shared by the Parish Choir and St. Mary's branch of Anglican Church Women for their ministry and mission. Thanks so much to all!

LIKE TO SING ALONG TO THE RADIO??? Enjoy singing to your heart's content in the shower??? Then you just may be a prime candidate for the Parish Choir!!! *Practices run each Wednesday at 7:45 p.m.* and we invite all enthusiastic choristers to come out. We gather each week to share the gifts that God has given us to praise Him in word and song; and we have a fun time too! So please speak to the Rector if you're interested!

ST. MARY'S WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY is held every *Friday, starting at 10:00 a.m.* at the Rectory. We're looking at the short but very important Epistle of St. James. Everyone is warmly invited to join us; and if your schedule only permits you to attend occasionally, please plan to join us when you can.

THE DAUGHTERS AND FAMILY OF FR. GERRY AND SIOBHAN LASKEY invite any who can, to join them this coming *Friday, October 6th* here at St. Mary's at 6:00 p.m. for a Celebration Eucharist to mark their 40th Wedding Anniversary. The service will be followed by a casual reception in the Church Hall. All are welcome! Prayers and best wishes only.

HAVE ANY FRESH PRODUCE? FALL DECORATIONS? Members of St. Mary's are warmly encouraged to assist with the decorating of our Church for our annual celebration of Harvest Thanksgiving by donating items that will help to fill our hearts and our vision with gratitude. *We will be celebrating Harvest Thanksgiving at all three Celebrations of the Holy Eucharist on the holiday weekend: October 7th & 8th.* If you have any produce, flowers, leaves or other seasonal decorations that you can share with us we ask that you drop it off at the Church (or Rectory) by Friday, October 6th. *And everyone is reminded that donations of non-perishable food items are always welcome;* at Harvest Thanksgiving as part of our decorations; and all the time to help with our outreach ministry. All donations of food will be shared with the Fredericton Food Bank following our Thanksgiving celebrations.

THE RECTOR, ORGANIST AND PARISH CHOIR OF ST. MARY'S are scheduled to conduct Evening Prayer at St. Mark's Chapel at Kings Landing next *Sunday, October 8th, at 3:00 p.m.* All members of St. Mary's are invited to join us that day as we gather to worship God and engage the visitor community. There is no cost to enter Kings Landing to attend the service when using the King's Head entrance off Route 102. Please speak to the Rector if you'd like to attend or if you have any questions: transportation can be arranged. *And a small reminder to choir and congregation:* give yourself a little extra time to make the walk from the Service entrance to the Chapel!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE SOME OF THE DIFFERENCE you're making by your prayers and financial support? The most recent update, with lots of great pictures, about the construction of the new library at Bishop McAllister College and Anglican Seminary in Kyogyera, Uganda, where Canon Paul Jeffries is the Rector, has been posted to their webpage. The funds raised by the archdeaconry bowling tournament in March have helped to get this started. Go to: <http://bishopmcallistercollege.com/library-construction-update/>

TO HELP THE PARISH SAVE ON PAPER AND PHOTOCOPYING COSTS, the members of the congregation are asked to leave the reusable bulletins inserts (hymns, psalms, etc.) in the pews or on the table in the narthex following the service.



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

OCTOBER 4: ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

Followed by Choir Practice

OCTOBER 5: TRINITY FERIA

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

Followed by time for personal prayer in the Church

11:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, *Alleira Assisted Living*

OCTOBER 6: AUTUMN EMBER DAY

5:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

6:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist:

In Thanksgiving for the 40th Wedding Anniversary of Fr. Gerald and Siobhan Laskey
Followed by a Reception in the Hall

OCTOBER 7: HARVEST THANKSGIVING

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

5:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

OCTOBER 8: HARVEST THANKSGIVING

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

9:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

9:45 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages!

10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

Followed by Coffee & Conversation in the Hall

3:00 p.m. – Evening Prayer, *St. Mark's Chapel, Kings Landing*