



ST OSWALD'S ANGLICAN CHURCH GLEN IRIS

Sunday 27 September, 2026



Michael and All Angels

Welcome to our Service today celebrating

Michael and All Angels

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude: *Melody* Brenda Portman (b1980)

Acknowledgement of Country

Processional Hymn Together in Song 108 v. 1, 3, 4, 5.

The Greeting: The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

Sentence for the Day:

And all the angels sang, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our god for ever and ever! Amen. *Revelation 7: 12*

Please follow service in green Prayer Book starting page 119

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, with a sincere and a true heart.

Confession APBA page 120

Absolution APBA page 120

Kyrie please refer to screen

The Hymn of Praise APBA page 121 please refer to screen

Prayer of the Day:

Almighty God,
you govern the courses of this world
by means too wonderful for us to comprehend:
give us reverence before the mysteries of your providence,
and grace to know the messengers of your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Ministry of the Word

A Reading from the Prophet Ezekiel

[Ezekiel 1: 4—12]

As I looked, a stormy wind came out of the north: a great cloud with brightness around it and fire flashing forth continually, and in the middle of the fire, something like gleaming amber. In the middle of it was something like four living creatures. This was their appearance: they were of human form. Each had four faces, and each of them had four wings. Their legs were straight, and the soles of their feet were like the sole of a calf's foot; and they sparkled like burnished bronze. Under their wings on their four sides they had human hands. And the four had their faces and their wings thus: their wings touched one another; each of them moved straight ahead, without turning as they moved. As for the appearance of their faces: the four had the face of a human being, the face of a lion on the right side, the face of an ox on the left side, and the face of an eagle; such were their faces. Their wings were spread out above; each creature had two wings, each of which touched the wing of another, while two covered their bodies. Each moved straight ahead; wherever the spirit would go, they went, without turning as they went.

Hear the word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 138

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10 am NPCW



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Great is the glory of the Lord.

A Reading from the Book of Revelation

[Revelation 12: 7—12a]

And war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming, ‘Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death. Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you with great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!’

Hear the word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

Please stand.



Gospel Acclamation

Go into the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation.

Mark 16: 15

A Reading from the Gospel of John

[John 1: 45—51]

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Philip found Nathanael and said to him, ‘We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.’ Nathanael said to him, ‘Can anything good come out of Nazareth?’ Philip said to him, ‘Come and see.’ When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, ‘Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!’ Nathanael asked him, ‘Where did you come to know me?’ Jesus answered, ‘I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.’ Nathanael replied, ‘Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of

Israel!’ Jesus answered, ‘Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.’ And he said to him, ‘Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.’

For the gospel of the Lord,
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Please stand

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE — *please refer to the screen for the prayers.*

THE GREETING OF PEACE

Offertory Hymn

1. **Angel-voices ever singing
 round thy throne of light,
 angel-harps for ever ringing,
 rest not day nor night;
 thousands only live to bless thee
 and confess thee Lord of might.**

2. **Thou who art beyond the farthest
 mortal eye can scan,
 can it be that thou regardest
 songs of sinful man?
 Can we know that thou art near us,
 and wilt hear us? Yea, we can.**

3. **Yea, we know that thou rejoicest
 o'er each work of thine;
 thou didst ears and hands and voices
 for thy praise design;
 craftsman's art and music's measure
 for thy pleasure all combine.**

4. In thy house, great God, we offer
of thine own to thee;
and for thine acceptance proffer
all unworthily
hearts and minds and hands and voices
in our choicest psalmody.

5. Honour, glory, might, and merit
thine shall ever be,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
blessèd Trinity.
Of the best that thou hast given
earth and heaven render thee.

Text acknowledgment: Francis Pott (1832-1909)

Music acknowledgment: Edwin George Monk (1819-1900)

Offertory Prayer

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom
Blessed be God for ever.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING 5 *please refer to the screen*

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Music during Communion

Meditation on "Peace Like a River" Brenda Portman (b1980)

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD *Please refer to or Screen.*

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Notices

The Blessing and Dismissal

May the Spirit lead you into all truth,
giving you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
and to proclaim the wonderful works of God;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Recessional Hymn

Together in Song 150

Postlude: *Toccata-Improvisation on "Lasst uns erfreuen"* Brenda Portman (b1980)

Dates for your Diary

- **Monday 28 September – 7.30pm at St. Oswald's** The next meeting of MOGs will feature an illustrated presentation by Judy and Peter Johnson. **Cruising the Aegean and Adriatic – the History and Antiquities of Croatia, Greece and Turkey.** An illustrated talk about history and antiquities of the Roman, Venetian and Ottoman empires and their dramatic impact across the centuries in a trip from Venice to Istanbul. **All welcome – tea/coffee.**
For details Peter Johnson 0417 548 896
- **St Francis of Assisi - Blessing of Pets – Sunday 4 October**
A special service will be held on Sunday 4 October at 10am to bless all pets brought to the service.
All animals welcome, although perhaps not crocodiles – see brochure.
All enquiries to Fr Mal – 0400 621 554

St. Michael

Meaning and Identity

- Name meaning:** His Hebrew name, Mikha'el, translates to "Who is like God?" as a symbol of humility and faithfulness.
- Title:** He is explicitly called an "archangel" (chief or main angel) in scripture.
- Shared reverence:** He is one of the few named angels recognized in the Torah, Bible, and Quran.

Archangel Michael is widely considered God's strongest and most powerful angel in Judeo-Christian tradition.

Major Roles and Actions

- Leader of God's Army:** He commands heaven's forces and famously casts Satan (the dragon) out of heaven in the Book of Revelation.
- Protector and Guardian:** He acts as the guardian prince of Israel and the protector of the Church. The Book of Daniel (10:13, 21 and 12:1) describes Michael as "one of the chief princes" and the "great prince who stands guard over the sons of your people".
- Angel of Death and Judgment:** Tradition holds that he guides departed souls, offers redemption at the hour of death, and is often shown holding scales to weigh souls during the Last Judgment.
- Spoken words:** In the New Testament letter of Jude, his dialogue with Satan is recorded as just four words: "The Lord rebuke you!"

Patronage and Symbols

Patron saint: He is the patron of soldiers, police officers, firefighters, and paramedics.

Feast day: His feast day is celebrated on September 29, known as Michaelmas.

Artistic depiction: He is commonly portrayed in art as a winged warrior in armour, wielding a sword or spear, and subduing a dragon or Satan.

Key Details in Islam

Muslims call the archangel Michael Mikail (or Mika'il / Mikal).

Title: He is considered an archangel and the **Angel of Mercy**, rather than a "saint" (the concept of canonized saints does not exist in Islam in the same way it does in Christianity).

Role: He is entrusted by God (Allah) with providing sustenance, bringing down rain, and managing natural forces that nurture life.

Qur'an Mention: His name appears as Mikal in Surah Al-Baqarah (2:98), where he is mentioned alongside the Archangel Gabriel



My dear family,

On 4th October, churches worldwide celebrate the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. While many of us look forward to the annual Blessing of the Animals, St Francis's message runs much deeper than a celebration of our beloved pets. He challenged humanity to see the divine spark in all of nature—from the grandest forests to the smallest insects.

Today, facing unprecedented environmental challenges, St Francis's radical love for the Earth is more urgent than ever. We are called to be active protectors of endangered wildlife, advocates for the humane treatment of animals, and guardians of our shared climate.

How can we live out this mission this week?

Speak up for vulnerable animals and support local conservation efforts.

Tweak your daily habits to lessen your footprint on God's earth. Spend five quiet minutes outdoors, thanking God for the beauty of nature.

Your friend and servant,
Fr. Mal

Diary for the Week

St Oswald's Live Stream on YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/@stoswaldgleniris/live>

Wednesday 30 August

10 am **Holy Communion**

Sunday 27 September

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8 am **Holy Communion**

10 am **Sung Eucharist**

Readings

Exodus 10: 1—4, 7—9, 12 —20

Psalm 19

Philippians 3: 2b—14

Matthew 21, 33—46

Today's Ministries

10 am

Cantor

P. McLeod

Communion Assistant

P. Johnson

Reader

P. Johnson

Intercessor

C. Adams

Welcome /

J. Haigh

Offertory

Morning Tea

P. Johnson

J. Johnson

Intercessions

For the church:

Vincent de Paul, priest and worker with the poor (d. 1660)

The World: Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Peru

The Anglican Communion: The Church of Bangladesh; The Anglican Church of Australia: Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia;

The Diocese of Melbourne Prayer Diary; The Diocese of Melbourne;

Episcopal Area of Geelong; Archdeaconry of Williamstown; Werribee Deanery;

St Thomas's Werribee; St Stephen's Karen AAC, Sojourners AAC;

Epiphany Hoppers Crossing; Hope & Resurrection Community Church MP;

St Eanswythe's Altona/St Clement Laverton; St Mark's Spotswood;

Holy Trinity Williamstown; South Sudanese Dinka; Williamstown MP;

St Peter's Jieeng AAC; Christ Church Newport; Christ Church Melton

Caroline Springs; Holy Trinity Bacchus Marsh, Emmanuel Karen Lara MP,

Holy Trinity Lara

Diocesan ministries, schools and agencies: Anglicare Victoria; St Stephen's Greythorn TIMA; City on a Hill Peninsula; Christ Church St Kilda

Departed

George Ellis, Peter Stephens.