

What's on 30th Sept — 6th Oct

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St Michael and All Angels
29th September 2024

There will be no R'n'R during the school holidays.

Sun 6th Oct Holy Communion Christ the King 9:00am
Sun 6th Oct. Holy Communion St Paul's 11:00am

READINGS

Job 1:1, 2:1-10
Heb 1: 1-4, 2:5-12

Mark 10: 2-16

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Theme: St Michael, Archangel

Readings: Daniel 7: 9-14

Revelation 12: 7-12

John 1: 45-51

SENTENCE

We give thanks for the many ways in which God's loving care watches over us, both directly and indirectly, and we are reminded that the richness and variety of God's creation far exceeds our knowledge of it.

COLLECT

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of evil. May God rebuke them we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

PRAYER CYCLE

In our diocese we pray for Bishop Ross Bay (Jacquie) and Archdeacon Jonathan Gale (Faith). Please keep in your prayers: Kevin, Helga & Terry, Trewby, Amanda, Nigel, Gus Holgate-Simpson, Paul Brom, Jan W, Judith and Jonathan., Lindsay, Rodger Winton, Peter Linnell.

If you would like to add people or situations, and having made sure the people would like to be on our list, please phone 431 4122, or email admin@mangawhaianglican.co.nz

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Christ the King Mangawhai, St Michael's & All Angels, St Paul's

WELCOME TO ST MICHAEL'S AND ALL ANGELS

Rev. Stan Pilbrow will lead us in
Holy Communion today.

We hope you find God's presence in the service this morning.

Please join us for a refreshment after the service.



BIRTHDAYS

Sara McAulay 30 Sept

Christine Bygrave 3 Oct

SPECIAL NOTICE

Trewby Bull

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing this week of our dear friend Trewby. He had been in hospital for a short time before returning to Ranburn Care Home. We send our sincere condolences to his family.

Funeral arrangements will be announced later.



Reflection

Figs are one of the first trees mentioned in your Bible. In the account of Adam and Eve, they use fig leaves to cover themselves once they realize their nakedness. And, certainly, the Bible also mentions the wonderful fruits. But the most common reference has to do with resting underneath them, enjoying the shade and the reverie of the moment.

Fig trees have been associated with wisdom and spiritual awakening. A fig tree played a very important role for the man who later became known as The Buddha. For seven weeks, he sat under its shade, and it was there that he received enlightenment. Because of that, this species became forever known as The Bodhi Tree, the tree of enlightenment.

In Christianity, St. Augustine was also under a fig tree when he had his moment of spiritual turning. Up until this point, he'd been in a state of spiritual agony. Augustine went and sat under a fig tree, and he prayed to God. And it was then that he heard the words that would redirect the course of his life, "Pick it up and read it!" He picked up his Bible and read the words that changed his life.

Fig trees have been places to harvest fruit, rest, reflect, and pray. This is exactly what Nathanael was doing when Jesus saw him. When Jesus eyed Nathanael sitting under a fig tree, he recognised him as a man with a deep spiritual keel. Like the Buddha, St Augustine and Nathanael we need to find ways to sit under your own "fig tree." It's important to keep that spiritual time alone between you and God.

