



The Feast of Michael and All Angels 26 September 2021

Dear Friends,

In today's passage of scripture from John's Gospel, we read how Nathanael recognises Jesus as the Son of God, the King of Israel, when Philip first introduces them.

What is it that convinces Nathanael that this is so?

Jesus greets Nathanael saying, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" When asked how he knows Nathanael, Jesus replies he had observed him under the

fig tree before Philip called him to be introduced. Through this seemingly simple answer, Nathanael perceives that Jesus does, indeed, know him - can see into his soul, as it were - and so must be divine, as well as human; the Son of God, the Messiah. How do we first recognise Jesus? What convinces us that he truly is the Lord? No doubt we each have a different answer, because we all encounter Jesus individually and uniquely. It is only when we acknowledge him as Saviour, as Lord of all, that we, too, become disciples and strive to share his light and love in the world in whatever ways we are able.

My sincere thanks to those of you who support the parish financially with regular offertory. It is truly appreciated. Our continuing ministry relies on your generosity in these difficult times. I ask you all to please give regularly, as you are able, according to your means. Offertory may be hand delivered to the Parish Office or sent by post: (St Luke's Church Mosman, PO Box 162, Spit Junction NSW 2088), or deposited directly into our bank account (St Luke's Church Mosman, BSB 032-291, A/C 810105). Or you can contribute your offertory via: <https://donorbox.org/st-luke-s-anglican-church-mosman-support> (type or copy and paste into your browser).

Please feel free to contact me for any reason, if you would like, either by email or phone; the contact details are on the back cover. You remain in my thoughts and prayers, as always. Every blessing to you, your families and all those whom you love.

The Reverend Dr Max Wood, **Rector**



PLEASE PRAY FOR...



Our Diocese, Northern Region and our local church community

The Archbishop: The Most Reverend Kanishka Raffel
The Regional Bishop: The Rt Revd Chris Edwards
Northern Region: Parishes of Belrose and Christ Church, Northern Beaches
Local churches: Mosman Uniting Church; clergy and people

Anglicare Sydney:

Mobile Community Pantry Program;
Bill Farrand, Anglicare Community Services Manager

Bush Church Aid:

BCA Indigenous Ministry Officer,
The Revd Neville Naden and Mrs Kathryn Naden

Anglican Board of Mission:

Sustainable Livelihoods Program, Kenya;
The Revd John Deane, ABM Executive Director

Those we are holding in prayer

Those Requiring On-Going Prayer:

John Dimitric, Irina Dimitric, Heather, Bernie Walsh, Shannour, Chloe Turner,
Denise Thomas, Jackie Lockhart, Robert Rowlands, Tim Bolot, Robb Crawford,
Dorothy Bashford, Robert Alexander, Jenny Willis, Christine Hurford

People in Residential and Home Care:

Dawn Holdaway, Betty Gemmell, Mary Shuttleworth, Elaine Porter, Helen Huby,
Pat Wood, Jean Barton, Robin Wilks, Denis Pearson, Nancy Lovitt

The Prayer for 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.**

BUSH CHURCH AID BOXES - SEPTEMBER OPENING POSTPONED

September is normally BCA Box opening month. Due to the present lockdown, it has been decided to wait until MARCH 2022 for the next BCA Box opening to take place. By then, it is hoped lockdown will have ended and a more normal pattern of life resumed. If you need a new BCA box because yours is full, please call Paula Turner, BCA Mission Contact Mb: 0421 151 290 or the Parish Office on 9969 6910.

DALIGHT SAVING

Next Saturday night (2 October 2021), as you go to bed, remember to *put your clock forward* one hour. The official time change happens at 2am, which becomes 3am. I hope we will all be fast asleep at that time, having remembered to make the change much earlier!

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!"

John 1.45-51

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 toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get 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."



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