

## Floodlight Sponsorship

Carol Mitchell in memory of her late husband, Peter Heywood, on 18<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his death on Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Margaret Mitchell and family remembering Alan on his birthday.

Denis and Dorothy Howell in memory of Frederick Amos Howell.

PCC and Congregation to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Father Stan's ordination as priest

## Sunday October 6th Harvest Festival



9.30am Sung Eucharist  
4.30pm Bring and Share Tea  
6pm Songs of Praise

Please bring harvest gifts to the Tuesday service on October 1<sup>st</sup> at 11am, or the 9.30am or 6pm services on October 6<sup>th</sup>. All gifts will be taken to the Food Bank in Wellingborough after the weekend.

Please bring a plate of food to the Bring and Share tea when we hope to be joined by our friends at the Chapel as they celebrate their 150th Anniversary this month.

## Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October Wave of Prayer at 2pm

Join the Mothers' Union in the Mission Room as they join in a Wave of Prayer around the world.

All Welcome.

## Saturday 5th October 10am –12noon

Craft and Chat

## Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October 7.30pm

Fundraising Meeting at 3 Wellingborough Rd

## Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes 2024

There are still a few boxes empty needing to be filled with gifts for children. The deadline for returning the boxes is 17<sup>th</sup> October.

Please see Meg York.



St Michael



## St Mary the Virgin | Finedon

Welcome to this Sung Eucharist  
for the Feast of

St Michael and All Angels



The celebrant will be  
The Rev Stanley Haworth  
who today is marking the

50th Anniversary of his Ordination as Priest

During the service the readers will be:

Ellie Mills - Stan's daughter

Nick Mills - Stan's son-in-law

Leo and Molly Mills - Stan's Grandchildren

The Preacher

Canon Roger Spiller

Stan's Curate colleague at Bradford Cathedral

Intercessions led by

The Rev Morna Simpson

Vicar of St Mary the Virgin, Finedon

St Mary's Choir are joined by members of the Headlands Chorale many of whom have known Stan for 30 years or more including former parishioners from Deeping St James with soloist Amy Haworth

Organist Ian Runnells

Director of Music Kathryn Haworth

Stan was ordained priest in Otley Parish Church on 29th September 1974 whilst serving his first curacy at Holy Trinity, Skipton. In August 1976 he moved to a second curacy at Bradford Cathedral. In 1978 he became a Team Vicar in the Grantham Parish with responsibility for the church of St John's, Spitalgate. In 1982 he was inducted into the Parish of Deeping St James on the very southern edge of the Lincoln Diocese –almost into this one. After 14 years there he moved on to be the incumbent of St Michael's, Middlewich with Byley-cum-Lees in the diocese of Chester. From there he moved north to the Stanwick Group of Parishes again right on the edge of a diocese, this time the northern edge of the diocese of Ripon. After several years he also became the Area Dean of the Richmond Deanery, one of the largest by area in the Church of England. He retired in 2012 when we moved into Irthlingborough in this diocese and has been a regular attender at St Mary's for the past ten years. He has spent over two years looking after the services and much more in this parish until a few weeks ago when we welcomed our new vicar the Rev Morna Simpson. We are grateful to her for allowing us to "take over" the service this morning to mark Stan's 50 years of devoted service to the priesthood.

We invite you to stay for refreshments after the service to celebrate this very special occasion.

## Hymns during today's Service:

626 Ye holy angels bright

474 Immortal invisible, God only wise

466 How shall I sing that majesty

368 All my hope on God is founded

## Old Testament Reading Genesis 28:10-17

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

## Psalm 103

**Bless the Lord, you angels of his.**

The Lord has set his throne in heaven, and his kingship has dominion over all.

Bless the Lord, you angels of his, you mighty ones who do his bidding, and hearken to the voice of his word.

**Bless the Lord, you angels of his.**

Bless the Lord, all you his hosts, you ministers of his who do his will.

Bless the Lord, all you works of his, in all places of his dominion; bless the Lord, O my soul.

**Bless the Lord, you angels of his.**

## New Testament Reading

Revelation 12. 7-12

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 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!"

## Gospel

St John 1:47-51

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said to 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."

## Intercessions

In the church around the world we pray for the United Church of Pakistan, the dioceses of Swansea & Brecon, and Leicester, and all parishes dedicated to St Michael and all Angels on this their patronal festival.

We pray for Anezka and Adam married here yesterday

We continue to pray for those who are sick Sarina, Janice Pinnock, Jean Rochester, Cynthia Foster, Christopher Munns, Barry Ireland, Amy Su Armitage, Velma Munns, Dave Cheney, Peter Fisher, Janet Maclean, and Mark Butts.

## Anthems during Communion

O taste and see	Vaughan -Williams
Ave Verum Corpus	Byrd
Te Deum in B flat	Stanford

**Church of England Generosity Week** is the 29th Sept - 6th Oct. It encourages us to be thankful for God's generosity to us and think about how we might respond, whether that be through our time, our actions, our gifts or spiritual legacy.

We are encouraged to take a moment this week to reflect on the theme of generosity and how we might embrace this value in our daily lives.