

branch, and the Dean of the



Cathedral, the Very Revd Adrian Dorber, with intercessions led by Carl, who is Diocesan Chaplain. Bishop Geoff gave a stirring sermon encouraging all members to further the work of the fantastic organisation that is Mothers' Union. As the service was being conducted on 'the surface of the moon' he did ask if this would be the first extra - terrestrial meeting of Mothers' Union! The newly commissioned trustees are very grateful to the cathedral staff for their support and help in making the service such an inspiring and enjoyable event

From the Vicar

Just to let you know the law on the conduct of Marriages is set to change on December 2nd (if it gets through Parliament). The church will no longer register marriages of give out Certificates of Marriage. Instead we will be required to complete a Marriage Document which is signed by all parties during the Wedding. This will then have to be presented to the Registry Office within seven days in order to have the marriage registered and a certificate issued. This will mean that the church will no longer have a record of the marriage its conducts. All current registers will have to have their blank pages cancelled and then returned to the central registry.

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Church News

St. Matthew's Meerbrook

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Those Visiting our Churches

If you are a visitor this week you are most welcome to our church. Each week we pray for those on holiday with us and hope that you will enjoy your stay. Please feel free after the service to stay and look around, to make your self known or just sit in contemplation and prayer. If you have any questions then feel free to contact the vicar at frdavid.leek@btinternet.com and he will try to answer them for you

Notices

Sunday 29th St. Michael

8am Said Eucharist All Saints
9.30am Sung Eucharist All Saints
11.15am Eucharist St. Matthew's

Tuesday 1st October

10am Little Saints Baby and Toddler group in All Saints Church Hall.
7.30pm Deanery Synod Eucharist Endon School

Wednesday 2nd

9.10am School Assembly
9.45am Morning Prayer All welcome

Thursday 3rd

9.30am Said Eucharist All Saints followed by refreshments.

Sunday 6th Trinity 16

8am Said Eucharist All Saints
9.30am Harvest Eucharist All Saints
11.15am Eucharist St. Matthews

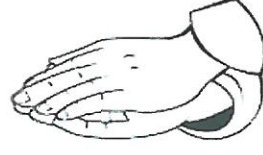
Daily Bible Readings

30th Luke 9:46-50
1st Luke 9:51-56
2nd Luke 9:57-end
3rd Luke 10:1-12
4th Luke 10:13-16
5th Luke 10:17-34

In Our Prayers

Pray for the Episcopal Church
The Most Revd Michael Curry -
Presiding Bishop of TEC
This week we pray for:

- **Life Events Diary: For Administrators and Clergy to discover new, free online tool for pastoral care and services (3rd)**



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Collect for St. Michael

Everlasting God,
you have ordained and
constituted the ministries of
angels and mortals in a wonderful
order: grant that as your holy
angels always serve you in
heaven, so, at your command,
they may help and defend us on
earth; through Jesus Christ your
Son our Lord, who is alive and
reigns with you, in the unity of
the Holy Spirit, one God, now
and for ever.

has been hurled down.

¹¹ They triumphed over him by
the blood of the Lamb and by the
word of their testimony; they did
not love their lives so much as to
shrink from death.

¹² Therefore rejoice, you heavens
and you who dwell in them! But
woe to the earth and the sea,
because the devil has gone down
to you! He is filled with fury,
because he knows that his time is
short.⁷

Gospel John 1:47-end

⁴⁷ When Jesus saw Nathanael
approaching, he said of him,
'Here truly is an Israelite in whom
there is no deceit.'

⁴⁸ 'How do you know me?'

Nathanael asked.

Jesus answered, 'I saw you while
you were still under the fig-tree
before Philip called you.'

⁴⁹ Then Nathanael declared,
'Rabbi, you are the Son of God;
you are the king of Israel.'

⁵⁰ Jesus said, 'You believe^[th]
because I told you I saw you
under the fig-tree. You will see
greater things than that.' ⁵¹ He
then added, 'Very truly I tell
you, ^[j] you ^[i] will see "heaven
open, and the angels of God
ascending and descending on"⁸ ^[k]
the Son of Man.'

1st Reading Revelation 12:7-12

⁷ Then war broke out in heaven.

Michael and his angels fought
against the dragon, and the dragon
and his angels fought back. ⁸ But
he was not strong enough, and
they lost their place in heaven.

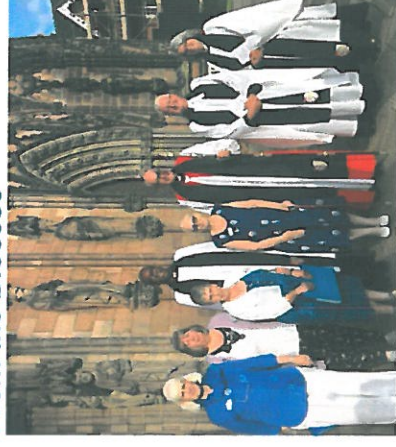
⁹ The great dragon was hurled
down – that ancient snake called
the devil, or Satan, who leads the
whole world astray. He was
hurled to the earth, and his angels
with him.

¹⁰ Then I heard a loud voice in
heaven say: '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 brothers
and sisters, who accuses them,
before our God day and night,

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of heaven,
in this Eucharist you have brought
us near to an innumerable
company of angels and to the
spirits of the saints made perfect:
as in this food of our earthly
pilgrimage we have shared their
fellowship, so may we come to
share their joy in heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

From the Diocese



To mark Mary Summer Day,
members of Mothers' Union from
across the diocese came to
Lichfield Cathedral to celebrate
the movement's work and to
witness the commissioning of
new trustees and officers.
The Mothers' Union is an
international Christian
membership movement, which
has been actively supporting
families and communities in the
UK and worldwide since 1876.
Banners were processed and the

music for Choral Evensong was
led by a choir of members
coordinated and conducted by
Marion Standing. Most of the
practices had been in small
groups with the complete choir
only coming together for a final
rehearsal just before the service.
Music by Martin Shaw and
Margaret Rizza was sung with the
help of soloist Maryanne Standing
and organist Cathy Lamb. As
part of her introduction to the

service Sue Egerton, Diocesan
President, spoke of the raised
profile of Mothers' Union through
the presence of Sheran Harper,
Worldwide President, at June's
General Synod.
Sheran spoke of the
transformational work of MU
both here and overseas, and of
partnerships with other
organisations including the
Clewer Initiative helping to raise
awareness of modern day slavery.
Sue was commissioned as
Diocesan President by the Bishop
of Stafford, the Rt Revd Geoff
Annas, who also admitted
Katherine May, Helen Palfrey,
Celia Richardson and Deb Tudor
as trustees along with Marion
Standing and the Revd Preb Carl
Ramsay as diocesan officers.
Lessons were read by Paul Jervis,
a member from Cheddleton