



27th September 2026.

We extend a warm welcome to
Rev Philip Turner, and to all our
members, friends and visitors.



For meditation: *Longing for you, O Lord, we are crowned with love. Seeing you we are filled with joy.
Resting in you we do not stumble. Persevering with you we enter your presence.
Persian Christian Martyrs (c344)*

NEWS AND VIEWS

Tuesday this week is Michaelmas. Michael the Archangel has been venerated throughout Christian history. He has been honoured as 'the captain of the heavenly host' (Revelations 12: 7-9) and the protector of Christians, particularly soldiers. The third Quarter Day of the farming year also falls on Michaelmas. It was the custom for tenants to present their landlords, together with their rent, a goose fattened on the grain of the stubble fields. This goose was then enjoyed by everyone to celebrate the feast day. At Michaelmas bannocks (cakes) were also a speciality.

*And when the tenants come to pay their quarter's rent,
They bring some fowls at Midsummer, a*

Dish of fish at Lent.

*At Christmas a capon, at Michaelmas a goose,
And somewhat else at New Year's Tide,*

For fear their lease fly loose!

(A Somerset Michaelmas song)

A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Lord, we experience you like the sea. At times we feel you close, lapping around our lives, cooling and cleansing. At other times, you seem far away; there are spans of sand to cross before we feel your forgiveness. When we tread with painful feet, struggling to find you; wash our feet, remove the gritty sand of life; the mistakes which irritate; the frustrations that rub away at us; the sins that wear us down, making the walk ahead more difficult. Cleanse us from the past for service in the future.

We are remembering the congregation at Chew Stoke in our prayers this week.

LECTIONARY READINGS – 4th October

Exodus 20: 1 -4, 7 -9, 12 -16

Psalms 19

Philippians 3: 4b -14

Matthew 21: 33 -46

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Philippians 2: 3,4.

DIARY

Tuesday 29th September

Leadership team meeting 11.00am

Thursday 1st October

Café + Soup 9.30 – 1.30pm

The meal will be served at around noon. All welcome.

Sunday 4th October

There will be NO service at the church

Early warning:

Sunday 11th October

Church Anniversary 11.00am

An ecumenical service followed by a Buffet lunch. Please let Michael know if you are able to attend the lunch.

Shadows and coolness, Lord, art thou
to me;
Cloud of my soul, lead on, I follow thee.
What though the hot winds blow,
Fierce heat beat up below,
Fountains of water flow –
Praise, praise to thee.

Clearness and glory, Lord, art thou to me;
Light of my soul, lead on, I follow thee.
All through the moonless night,
Making its darkness bright,
Thou art my heavenly light –
Praise, praise to thee.

Shadows and shine art thou, dear Lord,
to me;
Pillar of cloud and fire, I follow thee.
What though the way be long,
In thee my heart is strong.
Thou art my joy, my song –
Praise, praise to thee.

Amy Carmichael

*The final end of prayer is not that our
will should be done by God, but that his
will should be done by us. Alfred Plummer*

