

THE ANGELUS

This service takes place at the hour of noon on Sundays immediately following Mass. It is also said at 6.00 pm before Evensong and Vespers.

The Angelus (Latin for "angel") is a sung Christian devotion in memory of the Incarnation. It is practised by reciting as versicle and response three Biblical verses describing the mystery; alternating with the salutation "Hail Mary".

At St Michael's, this is sung to Plainchant.

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Abri-el Ange-lus * locú-tus est Ma-rí-æ
di-cens: Ave grá-ti-a plena: Dóminus te-cum:
bene-dícta tu in mu-li-é-ri-bus P. T. Alle-lú-ia.



Statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary at St Michael's

The Angelus exemplifies a species of prayers called the *Prayer of the Devotee* and is accompanied by the ringing of the Angelus bell, which is a call to prayer and to spread good-will to everyone on Earth.

The angel referred to in the prayer is Gabriel, a messenger of God who revealed to Mary that she would conceive a child to be born the Son of God (Luke 1:26-38).



Olive Folland ringing the bell at St Michael's