



# Crucis



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*Far be it from me to glory except in the cross of Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world.*

Galatians 6:14

### October 2025

## Editorial

New life will be celebrated in two ways on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October. Danish and Nida's new baby Daniel will be baptised during the service, and we shall also be making our Harvest Thanksgiving.

It is a long tradition in the UK to celebrate a successful harvest on the Sunday closest to the Harvest Moon (a full moon), which takes place around the autumn equinox, 22<sup>nd</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup> September (or within two weeks before or after that date). As St Salvador's historically was considered a city church and used to be surrounded by tenements it was not our tradition to keep this festival. In recent years however, the Maxwell Centre, which operates on our premises, has developed our former school playground and scaffolding yard into a wonderful garden bursting with life, flowers, fruit and vegetables.

Given that we have a real harvest on our own land it seemed wrong to continue to ignore this traditional festival. A basket of goodies from the garden is now displayed in the church each year for Harvest Festival. After the service the fruit and vegetables are given out to the local needy during the afternoon drop-in.

This tradition is a nod to older pagan practices. Many Christian traditions started out that way, including Christmas and Easter, but with the symbolism reinterpreted in Christian terms. New life in the garden reminds us of Resurrection, both of the Resurrection of Jesus, and the Resurrection that has been promised to us to come. 'The Harvest' also is a term used by evangelists bringing souls to faith in Jesus. Baptism is, of course, a part of this, and we will be delighted to welcome baby Daniel on 5<sup>th</sup> October as a new member of our Christian church community.

Martin Andrews (Churchwarden)



## Prayer for Harvest Thanksgiving

*Almighty Father, who hast at this season bestowed upon us such an abundant supply for all our necessities: Grant that we may never be destitute of those better gifts which nourish and enrich the soul, that we may bring forth abundant fruit to thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Canadian Prayer Book

## Services in October

(tr = transferred)

Wed 1	Michael & all Angels (tr)	Lay-led	10.00 a.m.
<b>Sun 5</b>	<b>Trinity XVI (Harvest)</b>	<b>Sung Mass</b>	<b>11.00 a.m.</b>
Wed 8	Alexander Penrose Forbes	Lay-led	10.00 a.m.
<b>Sun 12</b>	<b>Trinity XVII</b>	<b>Sung Mass</b>	<b>11.00 a.m.</b>
Wed 15	St Teresa of Avila	Lay-led	10.00 a.m.
<b>Sun 19</b>	<b>St Luke (tr)</b>	<b>Sung Mass</b>	<b>11.00 a.m.</b>
Wed 22	Feria	Lay-led	10.00 a.m.
<b>Sun 26</b>	<b>Trinity XIX</b>	<b>Sung Mass</b>	<b>11.00 a.m.</b>
Wed 29	Ss Simon and Jude (tr)	Lay-led	10.00 a.m.

A lay-led service may replace Mass if a priest is not available.

## Saints' and Special Days for October

### St Michael and All Angels (29 September)

A basilica near Rome was dedicated in the fifth century in honour of Michael the Archangel on the 30<sup>th</sup> of September, beginning with celebrations on the eve of that day. The 29<sup>th</sup> of September is now kept in honour of Michael and the two other named biblical angels, Gabriel and Raphael, as well as those whose names are unknown. Michael means 'who is like

God?', and he has traditionally been regarded as the protector of Christians from the devil, particularly in the hour of death. Gabriel means 'strength of God' and he announced the birth of Christ to the Virgin Mary. Raphael means 'the healing of God', and he is depicted in the apocryphal Book of Tobit as the one who restored sight to Tobit's eyes.

### Alexander Penrose Forbes, Bishop (8 October)



Alexander Penrose Forbes was born in Edinburgh, the son of Lord Medwyn, a judge of the Court of Session. He served with the East India Company for three years but returned to Britain on health grounds and studied at Brasenose College, Oxford. There he was strongly

influenced by the Tractarian Pusey, who, after Forbes' ordination, appointed him to St Saviour's, a slum parish in Leeds, in 1847. A few months later, aged thirty, he was elected Bishop of Brechin, a diocese of eleven parishes, one of which – in Dundee – Forbes pastored himself. He exercised a notable ministry among the poor and among the victims of a cholera epidemic. He built the present cathedral for his own congregation, and founded several new congregations in the city, including St Salvador's. His doctrine of the real presence of Christ in the eucharist led to controversy and in 1860 to a trial before his fellow bishops, at which he was supported by John Keble. His Tractarian theology had a growing influence upon the Scottish Episcopal Church for the rest of the century. His writings include doctrinal and devotional works, as well as research into the lives of the saints of Scotland. He died in 1875.

### St Teresa of Avila, Teacher (15 October)

Teresa was born into an aristocratic Spanish family in 1515. Following her mother's death, she was educated by Augustinian nuns and then ran away from home to enter a Carmelite convent when she was twenty. After initial difficulties in prayer, her intense mystical experiences attracted many disciples.

**S. TERESA**  
& her brother, who wanted  
to be martyrs, running  
away from  
home



She was inspired to reform the Carmelite rule and, assisted by St John of the Cross, she travelled throughout Spain founding many new religious houses for men as well as women. Her writings about her own spiritual life and progress in prayer towards union with God include 'The Way of Perfection' and 'The Interior Castle', which are still acclaimed. She knew great physical suffering and died of exhaustion on 4 October 1582. Her feast is on 15 October because the very day after her death the reformed calendar was adopted in Spain and elsewhere and eleven days were omitted from October that year.

### St Luke, Evangelist (18 October)

**S. LUKE**  
A doctor, probably  
also an artist



Luke is the author of the Gospel bearing his name, and also of the Book of the Acts of the Apostles. From Acts we learn that he was a gentile convert to Christianity, a doctor, who accompanied St Paul on his second and third missionary journeys, and who stayed in Rome with him while he was in captivity. Eastern Christians credit St Luke with having produced the first ikon.

He is thought to have died at the age of 84 in Greece.

### Ss. Simon and Jude, Apostles (28 October)

Simon and Jude were named among the twelve apostles in the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke. Simon is called 'the Zealot', probably because he belonged to a nationalist resistance movement opposing Roman rule. Luke describes Jude as the son of James, while the Letter of Jude has him as the brother of James, neither of which negates the other. It seems he is the same person as Thaddaeus, which may have been a last name. The two apostles are joined together on 28 October because a church which had recently acquired their relics was dedicated in Rome on this day in the seventh century.

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