

Michaelmas Feast

The Gathering: a Michaelmas Liturgy in celebration of God's grace and our growth

Saturday September 29th 2012 11.00 – 15.30

St Silas 69 Park Road Glasgow G4 9JD

Eighteen months on from the launch of the Diocese's strategic intention for growth is a good point at which to take stock and celebrate the spirituality that is at the heart of, and sustains, that growth. So on the Feast of St Michael and All Angels there is to be a glorious 'Gathering' of the Diocese in St Silas, Glasgow, attended by representatives from every congregation..

And what a party it will be! The day will take the form of an extended Eucharist giving extravagant, colourful and all-age expression to our life as a diocese: to our relationships with one another and with the communities in which our churches are set. It'll be a chance to meet and share food with people from other congregations and Regions, to learn and sing wonderful music, to give artistic expression to what makes us tick as a diocese; in other words, to worship God with heart, soul, strength and mind - and to the very best of our ability.

Bishop Gregor will preside and preach, and after his sermon, participants will break into groups to reflect on the Gospel through a variety of means: through workshops on community outreach, children's ministry, Bible study and prayer. The MU will lead our intercessions, epitomising that outward-facing stance that should characterise all our missional ministries.

Every congregation has been encouraged to send at least 3 representatives of all ages to this celebration of our life together. Lunch will be catered for and a crèche /childcare provided. St Silas is wheelchair accessible, and within walking distance of Kelvinbridge Underground Station.

Not all the diocese can, of course, be present - but all will be involved. As part of the activities, hosts will be baked and then taken back to every charge for use as the Eucharistic Bread at the next day's celebrations.

The Collect for the Feast of St Michael and All Angels praises God for 'constituting in a wonderful order the ministries of angels and mortals'; it is a day for recommitment to lives of continual service and praise. So let us gather on September 29th and celebrate our life together and our vocation to the world - with great gusto!