

# Welcome to the Parish of Rushall and the Churches of St. Michael the Archangel and Christ the King

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July is the Sixth Sunday after Trinity**  
**Services this week**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>St. Michael's</b>	<b>Services online</b> The Sunday 10.30am service at St. Michael's is streamed live on Facebook for those unable to attend in person.  Morning and Evening Prayer take place on Zoom on various days of the week: please contact us for the link if you wish to join us.
<b>Sixth Sunday</b>		<b>9am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Christ the King</b>	
<b>After Trinity</b>		<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>St. Michael's</b>	
		<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Evening Prayer</b>	<b>St. Michael's</b>	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	<b>Zoom</b>	
		<b>6pm</b>	<b>Evening Prayer</b>	<b>Zoom</b>	
		<b>7pm</b>	<b>Bible study</b>	<b>Zoom</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	<b>Zoom</b>	
		<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Christ the King</b>	
		<b>10am</b>	<b>Drop In</b>	<b>Christ the King</b>	
		<b>2pm</b>	<b>Memory Café</b>	<b>St. Michael's</b>	
		<b>6pm</b>	<b>Evening Prayer</b>	<b>Zoom</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	<b>Zoom</b>	
		<b>6pm</b>	<b>Evening Prayer</b>	<b>Zoom</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>St. Michael's</b>	
		<b>10am</b>	<b>Drop In</b>	<b>St. Michael's</b>	
				<b>Community Hall</b>	
		<b>6pm</b>	<b>Evening Prayer</b>	<b>Zoom</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>		<b>No services</b>		
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>8am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	<b>Zoom</b>	
		<b>6pm</b>	<b>Evening Prayer</b>	<b>Zoom</b>	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>8am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>St. Michael's</b>	
<b>Seventh</b>		<b>9am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Christ the King</b>	
<b>Sunday after</b>		<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Seeker Service</b>	<b>St. Michael's</b>	
<b>Trinity</b>		<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Evening Prayer</b>	<b>St. Michael's</b>	

Cluster service: Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> August at St. Michael's followed by refreshments in the hall. The theme of the service is creation and our guest preacher is the Archdeacon of Walsall, Liz Jackson

## Readings for Holy Communion – 27<sup>th</sup> July

### The Collect

Merciful God,  
you have prepared for those who love you  
such good things as pass our understanding:  
pour into our hearts such love toward you  
that we, loving you in all things and above all  
things,  
may obtain your promises,  
which exceed all that we can desire;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### First Reading                      *Genesis 18.20-32*

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre <sup>20</sup>and said, 'How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! <sup>21</sup>I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know.'

<sup>22</sup>So the men turned from there, and went towards Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. <sup>23</sup>Then Abraham came near and said, 'Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? <sup>24</sup>Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it?

<sup>25</sup>Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?' <sup>26</sup>And the LORD said, 'If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake.' <sup>27</sup>Abraham answered, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. <sup>28</sup>Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?' And he said, 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.' <sup>29</sup>Again Abraham spoke to the Lord, 'Suppose forty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of forty I will not do it.' <sup>30</sup>Then Abraham said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there.' The Lord answered, 'I will not do it, if I find thirty there.' <sup>31</sup>Abraham said, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.' The Lord answered, 'For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.' <sup>32</sup>Then he said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.' The Lord answered, 'For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.'

## **Psalm 138**

### **R: Great is the glory of the Lord.**

1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;  
before the gods will I sing praise to you.

2 I will bow down towards your holy temple and praise your name,  
because of your love and faithfulness;  
for you have glorified your name  
and your word above all things.

3 In the day that I called to you, you answered me;  
you put new strength in my soul. **R**

4 All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord,  
for they have heard the words of your mouth.

5 They shall sing of the ways of the Lord,  
that great is the glory of the Lord.

6 Though the Lord be high, he watches over the lowly;  
as for the proud, he regards them from afar. **R**

7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble,  
you will preserve me;  
you will stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;  
your right hand will save me.

8 The Lord shall make good his purpose for me;  
your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever;  
forsake not the work of your hands. **R**

## **Second Reading**

*Colossians 2.6-15(16-19)*

Brothers and sisters, <sup>6</sup>as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, <sup>7</sup>rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

<sup>8</sup>See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. <sup>9</sup>For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup>and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. <sup>11</sup>In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; <sup>12</sup>when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. <sup>13</sup>And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup>erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup>He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

<sup>16</sup>Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. <sup>17</sup>These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. <sup>18</sup>Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, <sup>19</sup>and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia.

The word of the Lord endures for ever.

The word of the Lord is the good news announced to you

**Alleluia.**

### **Gospel**

*Luke 11.1-13*

<sup>1</sup>He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' <sup>2</sup>He said to them, 'When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

<sup>3</sup>Give us each day our daily bread.

<sup>4</sup>And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.'

<sup>5</sup>And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; <sup>6</sup>for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." <sup>7</sup>And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." <sup>8</sup>I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

<sup>9</sup>So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. <sup>10</sup>For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>11</sup>Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? <sup>12</sup>Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? <sup>13</sup>If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

### **Prayer of preparation**

Look upon us in mercy not in judgement;  
draw us from hatred to love;  
make the frailty of our praise  
a dwelling place for your glory.  
**Amen.**

### **Post Communion Prayer**

God of our pilgrimage,  
you have led us to the living water:  
refresh and sustain us  
as we go forward on our journey,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **Readings for Evening Prayer**

### **Psalms 88**

#### **R: I cry out to you, O Lord.**

1 O Lord, God of my salvation,  
I have cried day and night before you.  
2 Let my prayer come into your presence;  
incline your ear to my cry. **R**  
3 For my soul is full of troubles;  
my life draws near to the land of death.  
4 I am counted as one gone down to the Pit;  
I am like one that has no strength, **R**  
5 Lost among the dead,  
like the slain who lie in the grave,  
6 Whom you remember no more,  
for they are cut off from your hand. **R**  
7 You have laid me in the lowest pit,  
in a place of darkness in the abyss.  
8 Your anger lies heavy upon me,  
and you have afflicted me with all your waves. **R**  
9 You have put my friends far from me  
and made me to be abhorred by them.  
10 I am so fast in prison that I cannot get free;  
my eyes fail from all my trouble. **R**  
11 Lord, I have called daily upon you;  
I have stretched out my hands to you.  
12 Do you work wonders for the dead?  
Will the shades stand up and praise you? **R**

13 Shall your loving-kindness be declared in the grave,  
 your faithfulness in the land of destruction?  
 14 Shall your wonders be known in the dark  
 or your righteous deeds in the land where all is forgotten? **R**  
 15 But as for me, O Lord, I will cry to you;  
 early in the morning my prayer shall come before you.  
 16 Lord, why have you rejected my soul?  
 Why have you hidden your face from me? **R**  
 17 I have been wretched and at the point of death from my youth;  
 I suffer your terrors and am no more seen.  
 18 Your wrath sweeps over me;  
 your horrors are come to destroy me; **R**  
 19 All day long they come about me like water;  
 they close me in on every side.  
 20 Lover and friend have you put far from me  
 and hid my companions out of my sight. **R**

### **First Reading**

*Genesis 42.1-25*

<sup>1</sup>When Jacob learned that there was grain in Egypt, he said to his sons, 'Why do you keep looking at one another? <sup>2</sup>I have heard', he said, 'that there is grain in Egypt; go down and buy grain for us there, that we may live and not die.' <sup>3</sup>So ten of Joseph's brothers went down to buy grain in Egypt. <sup>4</sup>But Jacob did not send Joseph's brother Benjamin with his brothers, for he feared that harm might come to him. <sup>5</sup>Thus the sons of Israel were among the other people who came to buy grain, for the famine had reached the land of Canaan.

<sup>6</sup>Now Joseph was governor over the land; it was he who sold to all the people of the land. And Joseph's brothers came and bowed themselves before him with their faces to the ground. <sup>7</sup>When Joseph saw his brothers, he recognized them, but he treated them like strangers and spoke harshly to them. 'Where do you come from?' he said. They said, 'From the land of Canaan, to buy food.' <sup>8</sup>Although Joseph had recognized his brothers, they did not recognize him. <sup>9</sup>Joseph also remembered the dreams that he had dreamed about them. He said to them, 'You are spies; you have come to see the nakedness of the land!' <sup>10</sup>They said to him, 'No, my lord; your servants have come to buy food. <sup>11</sup>We are all sons of one man; we are honest men; your servants have never been spies.' <sup>12</sup>But he said to them, 'No, you have come to see the nakedness of the land!' <sup>13</sup>They said, 'We, your servants, are twelve brothers, the sons of a certain man in the land of Canaan; the youngest, however, is now with our father, and one is no more.' <sup>14</sup>But Joseph said to them, 'It is just as I have said to you; you are spies! <sup>15</sup>Here is how you shall be tested: as Pharaoh lives, you shall not leave this place unless your youngest brother comes here! <sup>16</sup>Let one of you go and bring your brother, while the rest of you remain in prison, in order that your words may be tested, whether there is truth in you; or else, as Pharaoh lives, surely you are spies.' <sup>17</sup>And he put them all together in prison for three days.

<sup>18</sup>On the third day Joseph said to them, 'Do this and you will live, for I fear God: <sup>19</sup>if you are honest men, let one of your brothers stay here where you are imprisoned. The rest of you shall go and carry grain for the famine of your households, <sup>20</sup>and bring your youngest brother to me. Thus your words will be verified, and you shall not die.' And they agreed to do so. <sup>21</sup>They said to one another, 'Alas, we are paying the penalty for what we did to our brother; we saw his anguish when he pleaded with us, but we would not listen. That is why this anguish has come upon us.' <sup>22</sup>Then Reuben answered them, 'Did I not tell you not to wrong the boy? But you would not listen. So now there comes a reckoning for his blood.' <sup>23</sup>They did not know that Joseph understood them, since he spoke with them through an interpreter. <sup>24</sup>He turned away from them and wept; then he returned and spoke to them. And he picked out Simeon and had him bound before their eyes. <sup>25</sup>Joseph then gave orders to fill their bags with grain, to return every man's money to his sack, and to give them provisions for their journey. This was done for them.

## **Second Reading**      *1 Corinthians 10.1-24*

<sup>1</sup>I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup>and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup>and all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup>and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup>Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

<sup>6</sup>Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup>Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' <sup>8</sup>We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup>We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. <sup>10</sup>And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. <sup>11</sup>These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. <sup>12</sup>So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. <sup>13</sup>No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

<sup>14</sup>Therefore, my dear friends, flee from the worship of idols. <sup>15</sup>I speak as to sensible people; judge for yourselves what I say. <sup>16</sup>The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ? <sup>17</sup>Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. <sup>18</sup>Consider the people of Israel; are not those who eat the sacrifices partners in the altar? <sup>19</sup>What do I imply then? That food sacrificed to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything? <sup>20</sup>No, I imply that what pagans sacrifice, they sacrifice to demons and not to God. I do not want you to be partners with demons. <sup>21</sup>You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons. You cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons. <sup>22</sup>Or are we provoking the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than he?

<sup>23</sup>'All things are lawful', but not all things are beneficial. 'All things are lawful', but not all things build up. <sup>24</sup>Do not seek your own advantage, but that of others.

## Coming up soon:

Sunday Seventh Sunday After Trinity	3 <sup>rd</sup>	8am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		9am	Holy Communion	Christ the King
		10.30am	Seeker Service	St. Michael's
		6.30pm	Choral Evensong	St. Michael's
Monday	4 <sup>th</sup>	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
		7pm	Bible Study	Zoom
Tuesday	5 <sup>th</sup>	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		9.30am	Holy Communion	Christ the King
		10am	Drop In	Christ the King
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Wednesday	6 <sup>th</sup>	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
		7.30pm	Cluster Service	St. Michael's
Thursday	7 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		10am	Drop In	St. Michael's
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Friday	8 <sup>th</sup>		No services	
Saturday	9 <sup>th</sup>	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Sunday Eighth Sunday After Trinity	10 <sup>th</sup>	8am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		9am	Holy Communion	Christ the King
		10.30am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		6.30pm	Evening Prayer	St. Michael's