

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

Sunday 3rd August is the Seventh Sunday after Trinity
Services this week

Sunday Seventh Sunday after Trinity	3 rd	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 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Tuesday	5 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		9.30am	Holy Communion	Christ the King
		10am	Drop In	Christ the King
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Wednesday <i>The Transfiguration</i>	6 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		10.15am	Funeral	St. Matthews
		1pm	Funeral	Streetly
		7.30pm	Cluster Service	St. Michael's
Thursday	7 th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		10am	Drop In	St. Michael's
				Community Hall
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Friday	8 th		No services	
Saturday	9 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Sunday Eighth Sunday After Trinity	10 th	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

Services online

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.

We welcome the Archdeacon of Walsall, the Venerable Liz Jackson who is coming to preach at our cluster service on Wednesday 6th August at 7.30pm. Refreshments are available after the service.

Readings for Holy Communion – 3rd August

The Collect

Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

First Reading *Colossians 3.1-11*

¹If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. ⁵Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸But now you must get rid of all such things – anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

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 12.13-21

¹³Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.' ¹⁴But he said to him, 'Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?' ¹⁵And he said to the crowd, 'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.' ¹⁶Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" ¹⁸Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.'" ²⁰But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

Prayer of preparation

Pour upon the poverty of our love,
and the weakness of our praise,
the transforming fire of your
presence. **Amen.**

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Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine
and the source of life,
ever giving himself that the world may
live:
may we so receive within ourselves
the power of his death and passion
that, in his saving cup,
we may share his glory and be made
perfect in his love;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for
ever. **Amen.**

Readings for Evening Prayer

Psalm 107: 1-12

1 O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious : and his mercy endureth for ever.
2 Let them give thanks whom the Lord hath redeemed : and delivered from the hand of the enemy;
3 And gathered them out of the lands, from the east and from the west : from the north and from the south.
4 They went astray in the wilderness out of the way : and found no city to dwell in;
5 Hungry and thirsty : their soul fainted in them.
6 So they cried unto the Lord in their trouble : and he delivered them from their distress.
7 He led them forth by the right way : that they might go to the city where they dwelt.
8 O that men would therefore praise the Lord for his goodness : and declare the wonders that he doeth for the children of men!
9 For he satisfieth the empty soul : and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.
10 Such as sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death : being fast bound in misery and iron;
11 Because they rebelled against the words of the Lord : and lightly regarded the counsel of the most Highest;
12 He also brought down their heart through heaviness : they fell down, and there was none to help them.

First Reading

Genesis 50.4-26

⁴When the days of weeping for him were past, Joseph addressed the household of Pharaoh, 'If now I have found favour with you, please speak to Pharaoh as follows: ⁵My father made me swear an oath; he said, "I am about to die. In the tomb that I hewed out for myself in the land of Canaan, there you shall bury me." Now therefore let me go up, so that I may bury my father; then I will return.' ⁶Pharaoh answered, 'Go up, and bury your father, as he made you swear to do.'
⁷So Joseph went up to bury his father. With him went up all the servants of Pharaoh, the elders of his household, and all the elders of the land of Egypt, ⁸as well as all the household of Joseph, his brothers, and his father's household. Only their children, their flocks, and their herds were left in the land of Goshen. ⁹Both chariots and charioteers went up with him. It was a very great company. ¹⁰When they came to the threshing-floor of Atad, which is beyond the Jordan, they held there a very great and sorrowful lamentation; and he observed a time of mourning for his father for seven days. ¹¹When the Canaanite inhabitants of the land saw the mourning on the threshing-floor of Atad, they said, 'This is a grievous mourning on the part of the Egyptians.' Therefore the place was named Abel-mizraim; it is beyond the Jordan. ¹²Thus his sons did for him as he had instructed them. ¹³They carried him to the land of Canaan and buried him in the cave of the field at Machpelah, the field near Mamre, which Abraham bought as a burial site from Ephron the Hittite. ¹⁴After he had buried his father, Joseph returned to Egypt with his brothers and all who had gone up with him to bury his father.

¹⁵Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' ¹⁶So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷"Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them. ²²So Joseph remained in Egypt, he and his father's household; and Joseph lived for one hundred and ten years. ²³Joseph saw Ephraim's children of the third generation; the children of Machir son of Manasseh were also born on Joseph's knees. ²⁴Then Joseph said to his brothers, 'I am about to die; but God will surely come to you, and bring you up out of this land to the land that he swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.' ²⁵So Joseph made the Israelites swear, saying, 'When God comes to you, you shall carry up my bones from here.' ²⁶And Joseph died, being one hundred and ten years old; he was embalmed and placed in a coffin in Egypt.


Second Reading *1 Corinthians 14.1-19*

¹Pursue love and strive for the spiritual gifts, and especially that you may prophesy. ²For those who speak in a tongue do not speak to other people but to God; for nobody understands them, since they are speaking mysteries in the Spirit. ³On the other hand, those who prophesy speak to other people for their building up and encouragement and consolation. ⁴Those who speak in a tongue build up themselves, but those who prophesy build up the church. ⁵Now I would like all of you to speak in tongues, but even more to prophesy. One who prophesies is greater than one who speaks in tongues, unless someone interprets, so that the church may be built up. ⁶Now, brothers and sisters, if I come to you speaking in tongues, how will I benefit you unless I speak to you in some revelation or knowledge or prophecy or teaching? ⁷It is the same way with lifeless instruments that produce sound, such as the flute or the harp. If they do not give distinct notes, how will anyone know what is being played? ⁸And if the bugle gives an indistinct sound, who will get ready for battle? ⁹So with yourselves; if in a tongue you utter speech that is not intelligible, how will anyone know what is being said? For you will be speaking into the air. ¹⁰There are doubtless many different kinds of sounds in the world, and nothing is without sound. ¹¹If then I do not know the meaning of a sound, I will be a foreigner to the speaker and the speaker a foreigner to me. ¹²So with yourselves; since you are eager for spiritual gifts, strive to excel in them for building up the church.

¹³Therefore, one who speaks in a tongue should pray for the power to interpret.

¹⁴For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays but my mind is unproductive. ¹⁵What should I do then? I will pray with the spirit, but I will pray with the mind also; I will sing praise with the spirit, but I will sing praise with the mind also. ¹⁶Otherwise, if you say a blessing with the spirit, how can anyone in the position of an outsider say the 'Amen' to your thanksgiving, since the outsider does not know what you are saying? ¹⁷For you may give thanks well enough, but the other person is not built up.

¹⁸I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you; ¹⁹nevertheless, in church I would rather speak five words with my mind, in order to instruct others also, than ten thousand words in a tongue.



**You are invited to St. Michael's, Rushall for
our cluster service (Rushall, Pelsall,
Shelfield and Walsall Wood) as we
celebrate the wonder of God's creation.**

Date: Wednesday 6th August

Time: 7.30pm

Place: St. Michael's, Leigh Road. WS4 2DS

**Guest Preacher: The Venerable Liz Jackson,
Archdeacon of Walsall**

**Refreshments after the service in the
church hall**

St Michael's, Rushall
PET SERVICE
Celebrating God's Creation,

on **31st August at 4pm** (in the
church courtyard weather
permitting)

Please sign up at the back of
church or let us know you are
coming– we need to know
thanks



End of Summer “bring and share” celebration

A time to share food and time together with music and friends.

Saturday 30th August at 6.30pm

Sign up at the back of church



Coming up soon:

Sunday	10 th	8am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
Eighth Sunday		9am	Holy Communion	Christ the King
After Trinity		10.30am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		6.30pm	Evening Prayer	St. Michael's
Monday	11 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		12 noon	Funeral	St. Michael's
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
		7pm	Bible Discussion	Zoom
Tuesday	12 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		9.30am	Holy Communion	Christ the King
		10am	Drop In	Christ the King
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Wednesday	13 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Thursday	14 th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		10am	Drop In	St. Michael's
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Friday	15 th		Vicar's ADDO	
<i>The Blessed Virgin Mary</i>			Training Day	
Saturday	16 th		No Services	
Sunday	17 th	8am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
Ninth Sunday		9am	Holy Communion	Christ the King
After Trinity		10.30am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		6.30pm	Evening Prayer	St. Michael's

Church Hall Bookings

Please ring Gill on 01922 624583 (not available until after 19th August).