

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

Sunday 10th August is the Eighth Sunday after Trinity
Services this week

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

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.

Summer is drawing towards its close but there are still plenty of things happening and, of course, our services in church and online.

Readings for Holy Communion – 10th August

The Collect

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern
both our hearts and bodies
in the ways of your laws
and the works of your commandments;
that through your most mighty protection,
both here and ever,
we may be preserved in body and soul;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

First Reading *Genesis 15.1-6*

¹The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' ²But Abram said, 'O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' ³And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' ⁵He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Psalms 33: 12-21

R: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

12 Happy the nation whose God is the Lord
and the people he has chosen for his own.

13 The Lord looks down from heaven
and beholds all the children of earth.

14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze
on all who dwell on the earth.

15 He fashions all the hearts of them
and understands all their works.

16 No king is saved by the might of his host;
no warrior delivered by his great strength.

17 A horse is a vain hope for deliverance;
for all its strength it cannot save.

18 Behold, the eye of the Lord
is upon those who fear him,
on those who wait in hope for his steadfast love,
19 To deliver their soul from death
and to feed them in time of famine.
20 Our soul waits longingly for the Lord;
he is our help and our shield.
21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in him;
in his holy name have we put our trust.

Second Reading *Hebrews 11.1-3,8-16*

¹Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old – and Sarah herself was barren – because he considered him faithful who had promised.

¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, ‘as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.’

¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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 12.32-40

Jesus said to his disciples, ³²‘Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.’

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.

Post Communion Prayer

Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your word
be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your
praise
be free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the tokens
of your love
shine with the light of hope;
and may the bodies which have been fed
with your body
be refreshed with the fullness of
your life;
glory to you for ever. **Amen.**

Readings for Evening Prayer

Psalm 108

R: I will remember the works of the Lord.

1 My heart is ready, O God, my heart is ready;
I will sing and give you praise.

2 Awake, my soul; awake, harp and lyre,
that I may awaken the dawn.

3 I will give you thanks, O Lord, among the peoples;
I will sing praise to you among the nations.

4 For your loving-kindness is as high as the heavens
and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

5 Be exalted, O God, above the heavens
and your glory over all the earth.

6 That your beloved may be delivered,
save us by your right hand and answer me.

7 God has spoken in his holiness:
'I will triumph and divide Shechem
and share out the valley of Succoth.

8 'Gilead is mine and Manasseh is mine;
Ephraim is my helmet and Judah my sceptre.

9 'Moab shall be my washpot,
over Edom will I cast my sandal,
across Philistia will I shout in triumph.'

10 Who will lead me into the strong city?
Who will bring me into Edom?

11 Have you not cast us off, O God?
Will you no longer go forth with our troops?

12 O grant us your help against the enemy,
for earthly help is in vain.

13 Through God will we do great acts,
for it is he that shall tread down our enemies.

First Reading

Isaiah 11.10-12.6

¹⁰On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

¹¹On that day the Lord will extend his hand yet a second time to recover the remnant that is left of his people, from Assyria, from Egypt, from Pathros, from Ethiopia, from Elam, from Shinar, from Hamath, and from the coastlands of the sea.

¹²He will raise a signal for the nations,
and will assemble the outcasts of Israel,
and gather the dispersed of Judah
from the four corners of the earth.

¹³The jealousy of Ephraim shall depart,
the hostility of Judah shall be cut off;
Ephraim shall not be jealous of Judah,
and Judah shall not be hostile towards Ephraim.

¹⁴But they shall swoop down on the backs of the Philistines in the west;
together they shall plunder the people of the east.
They shall put forth their hand against Edom and Moab,
and the Ammonites shall obey them.

¹⁵And the LORD will utterly destroy
the tongue of the sea of Egypt;
and will wave his hand over the River
with his scorching wind;

and will split it into seven channels,
and make a way to cross on foot;

¹⁶so there shall be a highway from Assyria
for the remnant that is left of his people,
as there was for Israel
when they came up from the land of Egypt.

¹You will say on that day:
I will give thanks to you, O LORD,
for though you were angry with me,
your anger turned away,
and you comforted me.

²Surely God is my salvation;
I will trust, and will not be afraid,
for the LORD GOD is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.

³With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ⁴And you will say on that day:

Give thanks to the LORD,
call on his name;
make known his deeds among the nations;
proclaim that his name is exalted.

⁵Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;
let this be known in all the earth.

⁶Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Second Reading *2 Corinthians 1.1-22*

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the church of God that is in Corinth, including all the saints throughout Achaia:

²Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, ⁴who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. ⁵For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. ⁶If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. ⁷Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

⁸We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, of the affliction we experienced in Asia; for we were so utterly, unbearably crushed that we despaired of life itself. ⁹Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death so that we would rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead. ¹⁰He who rescued us from so deadly a peril will continue to rescue us; on him we have set our hope that he will rescue us again, ¹¹as you also join in helping us by your prayers, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted to us through the prayers of many.

¹²Indeed, this is our boast, the testimony of our conscience: we have behaved in the world with frankness and godly sincerity, not by earthly wisdom but by the grace of God – and all the more towards you. ¹³For we write to you nothing other than what you can read and also understand; I hope you will understand until the end – ¹⁴as you have already understood us in part – that on the day of the Lord Jesus we are your boast even as you are our boast.

¹⁵Since I was sure of this, I wanted to come to you first, so that you might have a double favour; ¹⁶I wanted to visit you on my way to Macedonia, and to come back to you from Macedonia and have you send me on to Judea. ¹⁷Was I vacillating when I wanted to do this? Do I make my plans according to ordinary human standards, ready to say ‘Yes, yes’ and ‘No, no’ at the same time? ¹⁸As surely as God is faithful, our word to you has not been ‘Yes and No.’ ¹⁹For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, whom we proclaimed among you, Silvanus and Timothy and I, was not ‘Yes and No’; but in him it is always ‘Yes.’ ²⁰For in him every one of God’s promises is a ‘Yes.’ For this reason it is through him that we say the ‘Amen’, to the glory of God. ²¹But it is God who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us, ²²by putting his seal on us and giving us his Spirit in our hearts as a first instalment.



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

 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





Revive & Restore

An evening of prayer for the
Walsall Deanery with Tim, Bishop
of Wolverhampton

**Friday 19th
September**

7pm- 10pm

St Thomas Church, Aldridge- WS9 8SL

Join us for an evening of worship, prayer, study and
silence- from across different traditions and styles-
as we pray for God's kingdom to come across our
deanery!

Diary Date

Quiz Night

Saturday 27th September

More information soon

**We celebrate our Patronal Festival of Michaelmas on
Sunday 28th September.**

**Work begins for some restoration work at the top of the
tower on Monday 29th September.**

**Scaffolding will be in place for several weeks but won't
affect entry to the church or hall**

**Harvest Festival will be on October 5th with a Harvest
Supper after the evening service.**

More details nearer the time.

**Our annual memorial service will take place in the
evening of Sunday 2nd November.**



Archdeacon Liz preached at our cluster service on 6th August

Coming up soon:

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
Monday	18 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Tuesday	19 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		9.30am	Holy Communion	Christ the King
		10am	Drop In	Christ the King
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Wednesday	20 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Thursday	21 st	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		10am	Drop In	St. Michael's
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Friday	22 nd	7pm	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
<i>St. James, Apostle</i>		7.30pm	Tapas Night	St. Michael's
Saturday	23 rd	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Sunday	24 th	8am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
Bartholomew		9am	Holy Communion	Christ the King
The Apostle		10.30am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		6.30pm	Evening Prayer	St. Michael's

Church Hall Bookings

Please ring Gill on 01922 624583.