

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

Sunday 31st August is the Eleventh Sunday after Trinity
Services this week

Sunday Eleventh Sunday After Trinity	31 st	8am 9am 10.30am 4pm 6.30pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion Holy Communion Pet service Evening Prayer	St. Michael's Christ the King St. Michael's St. Michael's
Monday	1 st	8am 7pm	Morning Prayer Guild of servers	Zoom St. Michael's
Tuesday	2 nd	8am 9.30am 10am 6pm	Morning Prayer Holy Communion Drop In Evening Prayer	Zoom Christ the King Christ the King Zoom
Wednesday	3 rd	8am 11am 6pm	Morning Prayer Funeral Evening Prayer	Zoom St. Michael's Zoom
Thursday	4 th	9.30am 10am 6pm	Holy Communion Drop In Evening Prayer	St. Michael's St. Michael's Community Hall Zoom
Friday	5 th		No services	
Saturday	6 th	8am 6pm	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	Zoom Zoom
Sunday Twelfth Sunday After Trinity	7 th	8am 9am 10.30am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion Holy Communion Evening Prayer	St. Michael's Christ the King St. Michael's 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.

So we come to the end of August and a new academic begins. Still we come to learn from Christ of God's love as our services continue but there is no Bible study this week, that continues next week 8th September.

Readings for Holy Communion – 31st August

The Collect

O God, you declare your almighty power
most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:
mercifully grant to us such a measure of your
grace,
that we, running the way of your
commandments,
may receive your gracious promises,
and be made partakers of your heavenly
treasure;
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 *Ecclesiasticus 10.12-18*

- ¹²The beginning of human pride is to forsake the Lord;
the heart has withdrawn from its Maker.
- ¹³For the beginning of pride is sin,
and the one who clings to it pours out abominations.
Therefore the Lord brings upon them unheard-of calamities,
and destroys them completely.
- ¹⁴The Lord overthrows the thrones of rulers,
and enthrones the lowly in their place.
- ¹⁵The Lord plucks up the roots of the nations,
and plants the humble in their place.
- ¹⁶The Lord lays waste the lands of the nations,
and destroys them to the foundations of the earth.
- ¹⁷He removes some of them and destroys them,
and erases the memory of them from the earth.
- ¹⁸Pride was not created for human beings,
or violent anger for those born of women.

Psalm 112

R: Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

1 Alleluia.

Blessed are those who fear the Lord
and have great delight in his commandments.

2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land,
a generation of the faithful that will be blest. **R**

3 Wealth and riches will be in their house,
and their righteousness endures for ever.
4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright;
gracious and full of compassion are the righteous. **R**
5 It goes well with those who are generous in lending
and order their affairs with justice,
6 For they will never be shaken;
the righteous will be held in everlasting remembrance. **R**
7 They will not be afraid of any evil tidings;
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.
8 Their heart is sustained and will not fear,
until they see the downfall of their foes. **R**
9 They have given freely to the poor;
their righteousness stands fast for ever;
their head will be exalted with honour.
10 The wicked shall see it and be angry;
they shall gnash their teeth in despair;
the desire of the wicked shall perish. **R**

Second Reading *Hebrews 13.1-8,15-16*

¹Let mutual love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.'

⁶So we can say with confidence,

'The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?'

⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. ¹⁵Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to 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 14.1,7-14

¹On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. ⁸“When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, “Give this person your place,” and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, “Friend, move up higher”; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.’

¹²He said also to the one who had invited him, ‘When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind.

¹⁴And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.’

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

Lord of all mercy,
we your faithful people have celebrated
that one true sacrifice
which takes away our sins and
brings pardon and peace:
by our communion
keep us firm on the foundation of the
gospel
and preserve us from all sin;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Readings for Evening Prayer

Psalm 119: 81-88

R: Lead me, O Lord, in the path of your commandments.

81 My soul is pining for your salvation;

I have hoped in your word.

82 My eyes fail with watching for your word,

while I say, 'O when will you comfort me?' **R**

83 I have become like a wineskin in the smoke,

yet I do not forget your statutes.

84 How many are the days of your servant?

When will you bring judgement on those who persecute me? **R**

85 The proud have dug pits for me

in defiance of your law.

86 All your commandments are true;

help me, for they persecute me with falsehood. **R**

87 They had almost made an end of me on earth,

but I have not forsaken your commandments.

88 Give me life according to your loving-kindness;

so shall I keep the testimonies of your mouth. **R**

First Reading

Isaiah 33.13-22

¹³Hear, you who are far away, what I have done;
and you who are near, acknowledge my might.

¹⁴The sinners in Zion are afraid;
trembling has seized the godless:

'Who among us can live with the devouring fire?
Who among us can live with everlasting flames?'

¹⁵Those who walk righteously and speak uprightly,
who despise the gain of oppression,
who wave away a bribe instead of accepting it,
who stop their ears from hearing of bloodshed
and shut their eyes from looking on evil,

¹⁶they will live on the heights;
their refuge will be the fortresses of rocks;
their food will be supplied, their water assured.

¹⁷Your eyes will see the king in his beauty;
they will behold a land that stretches far away.

¹⁸Your mind will muse on the terror:
'Where is the one who counted?
Where is the one who weighed the tribute?
Where is the one who counted the towers?'

- ¹⁹No longer will you see the insolent people,
the people of an obscure speech that you cannot comprehend,
stammering in a language that you cannot understand.
- ²⁰Look on Zion, the city of our appointed festivals!
Your eyes will see Jerusalem,
a quiet habitation, an immovable tent,
whose stakes will never be pulled up,
and none of whose ropes will be broken.
- ²¹But there the LORD in majesty will be for us
a place of broad rivers and streams,
where no galley with oars can go,
nor stately ship can pass.
- ²²For the LORD is our judge, the LORD is our ruler,
the LORD is our king; he will save us.

Second Reading *John 3.22-36*

- ²²Jesus and his disciples went into the Judean countryside, and he spent some time there with them and baptized. ²³John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim because water was abundant there; and people kept coming and were being baptized –
- ²⁴John, of course, had not yet been thrown into prison.
- ²⁵Now a discussion about purification arose between John's disciples and a Jew.
- ²⁶They came to John and said to him, 'Rabbi, the one who was with you across the Jordan, to whom you testified, here he is baptizing, and all are going to him.' ²⁷John answered, 'No one can receive anything except what has been given from heaven.
- ²⁸You yourselves are my witnesses that I said, "I am not the Messiah, but I have been sent ahead of him." ²⁹He who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice. For this reason my joy has been fulfilled. ³⁰He must increase, but I must decrease.'
- ³¹The one who comes from above is above all; the one who is of the earth belongs to the earth and speaks about earthly things. The one who comes from heaven is above all. ³²He testifies to what he has seen and heard, yet no one accepts his testimony. ³³Whoever has accepted his testimony has certified this, that God is true.
- ³⁴He whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for he gives the Spirit without measure. ³⁵The Father loves the Son and has placed all things in his hands.
- ³⁶Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever disobeys the Son will not see life, but must endure God's wrath.



Coming up soon:

Sunday	7 th	8am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
Twelfth Sunday		9am	Holy Communion	Christ the King
After Trinity		10.30am	Seeker Service	St. Michael's
		6.30pm	BCP Evensong	St. Michael's
Monday	8 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Tuesday	9 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		9.30am	Holy Communion	Christ the King
		10am	Drop In	Christ the King
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Wednesday	10 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Thursday	11 th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		10am	Drop In	St. Michael's
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
		7.30pm	Deanery Synod	St. Matthew's
Friday	12 th		No services	
Saturday	13 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Sunday	14 th	8am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
Thirteenth 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.