

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

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August is the Feast of St. Bartholomew**  
**Services this week**

Sunday Batholomew The Apostle	24 <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
Monday	25 <sup>th</sup>		No services	
Tuesday	26 <sup>th</sup>	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		9.30am	Holy Communion	Christ the King
		10am	Drop In	Christ the King
		2pm	Memory Café	St. Michael's
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Wednesday	27 <sup>th</sup>	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Thursday	28 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		10am	Drop In	St. Michael's
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Friday	29 <sup>th</sup>		No services	
Saturday	30 <sup>th</sup>	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6.30pm	Bring and Share	St. Michael's
Sunday Eleventh Sunday After Trinity	31 <sup>st</sup>	8am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		9am	Holy Communion	Christ the King
		10.30am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		4pm	Pet service	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.

It's a bank holiday weekend and also the feast of St. Bartholomew. There are no services on Monday and don't forget the Memory café on Tuesday and the Bring and share party on Saturday.

## Readings for Holy Communion – 24<sup>th</sup> August

### The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who gave to your apostle Bartholomew grace  
truly to believe and to preach your  
word:  
grant that your Church  
may love that word which he believed  
and may faithfully preach and receive 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 *Isaiah 43.8-13*

<sup>8</sup>Bring forth the people who are blind, yet have eyes,  
who are deaf, yet have ears!  
<sup>9</sup>Let all the nations gather together,  
and let the peoples assemble.  
Who among them declared this,  
and foretold to us the former things?  
Let them bring their witnesses to justify them,  
and let them hear and say, 'It is true.'  
<sup>10</sup>You are my witnesses, says the LORD,  
and my servant whom I have chosen,  
so that you may know and believe me  
and understand that I am he.  
Before me no god was formed,  
nor shall there be any after me.  
<sup>11</sup>I, I am the LORD,  
and besides me there is no saviour.  
<sup>12</sup>I declared and saved and proclaimed,  
when there was no strange god among you;  
and you are my witnesses, says the LORD.  
<sup>13</sup>I am God, and also henceforth I am He;  
there is no one who can deliver from my hand;  
I work and who can hinder it?

## **Psalm 145: 1-7**

**R: I will bless you and praise you for ever, O God my King.**

1 I will exalt you, O God my King,  
and bless your name for ever and ever.

2 Every day will I bless you  
and praise your name for ever and ever.

3 Great is the Lord and highly to be praised;  
his greatness is beyond all searching out. **R**

4 One generation shall praise your works to another  
and declare your mighty acts.

5 They shall speak of the majesty of your glory,  
and I will tell of all your wonderful deeds. **R**

6 They shall speak of the might of your marvellous acts,  
and I will also tell of your greatness.

7 They shall pour forth the story of your abundant kindness  
and joyfully sing of your righteousness. **R**

## **Second Reading**

*Acts 5.12-16*

<sup>12</sup>Many signs and wonders were done among the people through the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. <sup>13</sup>None of the rest dared to join them, but the people held them in high esteem. <sup>14</sup>Yet more than ever believers were added to the Lord, great numbers of both men and women, <sup>15</sup>so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on cots and mats, in order that Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he came by. <sup>16</sup>A great number of people would also gather from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all cured.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia.

I do not call you servants but friends,  
because I have made known to you  
everything that I have heard from my Father. *John 15.15.*

**Alleluia.**

## Gospel

*Luke 22.24-30*

<sup>24</sup>A dispute also arose among the twelve as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. <sup>25</sup>But Jesus said to them, 'The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. <sup>26</sup>But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. <sup>27</sup>For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

<sup>28</sup>You are those who have stood by me in my trials; <sup>29</sup>and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, <sup>30</sup>so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.'

## Prayer of preparation

Father, accept all we bring before you this day.

Guide us with your love and feed us at your table  
as you nourish the faith of the Church by the preaching of your apostles.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God,  
who on the day of Pentecost  
sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles  
with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame,  
filling them with joy and boldness to  
preach the gospel:  
by the power of the same Spirit  
strengthen us to witness to your truth  
and to draw everyone to the fire of your love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

on **31<sup>st</sup> 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



## Readings for Evening Prayer

### Psalm 91

**R: You are my God in whom I trust.**

1      Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High  
and abides under the shadow of the Almighty,

2      Shall say to the Lord, 'My refuge and my stronghold,  
my God, in whom I put my trust.' **R**

3      For he shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler  
and from the deadly pestilence.

4      He shall cover you with his wings  
and you shall be safe under his feathers;  
his faithfulness shall be your shield and buckler. **R**

5      You shall not be afraid of any terror by night,  
nor of the arrow that flies by day;

6      Of the pestilence that stalks in darkness,  
nor of the sickness that destroys at noonday. **R**

7      Though a thousand fall at your side  
and ten thousand at your right hand,  
yet it shall not come near you.

8      Your eyes have only to behold  
to see the reward of the wicked. **R**

9      Because you have made the Lord your refuge  
and the Most High your stronghold,

10     There shall no evil happen to you,  
neither shall any plague come near your tent. **R**

11     For he shall give his angels charge over you,  
to keep you in all your ways.

12     They shall bear you in their hands,  
lest you dash your foot against a stone. **R**

13     You shall tread upon the lion and adder;  
the young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot.

14     Because they have set their love upon me,  
therefore will I deliver them;

I will lift them up, because they know my name. **R**

15     They will call upon me and I will answer them;  
I am with them in trouble,

I will deliver them and bring them to honour.

16     With long life will I satisfy them  
and show them my salvation. **R**

**First Reading***Ecclesiasticus 39.1-10*

- <sup>1</sup>He seeks out the wisdom of all the ancients,  
and is concerned with prophecies;  
<sup>2</sup>he preserves the sayings of the famous  
and penetrates the subtleties of parables;  
<sup>3</sup>he seeks out the hidden meanings of proverbs  
and is at home with the obscurities of parables.  
<sup>4</sup>He serves among the great  
and appears before rulers;  
he travels in foreign lands  
and learns what is good and evil in the human lot.  
<sup>5</sup>He sets his heart on rising early  
to seek the Lord who made him,  
and to petition the Most High;  
he opens his mouth in prayer  
and asks pardon for his sins.  
<sup>6</sup>If the great Lord is willing,  
he will be filled with the spirit of understanding;  
he will pour forth words of wisdom of his own  
and give thanks to the Lord in prayer.  
<sup>7</sup>The Lord will direct his counsel and knowledge,  
as he meditates on his mysteries.  
<sup>8</sup>He will show the wisdom of what he has learned,  
and will glory in the law of the Lord's covenant.  
<sup>9</sup>Many will praise his understanding;  
it will never be blotted out.  
His memory will not disappear,  
and his name will live through all generations.  
<sup>10</sup>Nations will speak of his wisdom,  
and the congregation will proclaim his praise.


**Second Reading***Matthew 10.1-22*

- <sup>1</sup>Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. <sup>2</sup>These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; <sup>3</sup>Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup>Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

<sup>5</sup>These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: ‘Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, <sup>6</sup>but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. <sup>7</sup>As you go, proclaim the good news, “The kingdom of heaven has come near.” <sup>8</sup>Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. <sup>9</sup>Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, <sup>10</sup>no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for labourers deserve their food. <sup>11</sup>Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. <sup>12</sup>As you enter the house, greet it. <sup>13</sup>If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. <sup>14</sup>If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. <sup>15</sup>Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgement than for that town.

<sup>16</sup>“See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. <sup>17</sup>Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; <sup>18</sup>and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles.

<sup>19</sup>When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; <sup>20</sup>for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. <sup>21</sup>Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; <sup>22</sup>and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.



**End of Summer “bring and share” celebration**

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

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August at 6.30pm**

**Sign up at the back of church**

## Coming up soon:

Sunday	31 <sup>st</sup>	8am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
Eleventh Sunday		9am	Holy Communion	Christ the King
After Trinity		10.30am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		4pm	Pet Service	St. Michael's
		6.30pm	Evening Prayer	St. Michael's
Monday	1 <sup>st</sup>	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6.30pm	Diocesan Consultation	Online
		7pm	Guild of Servers	St. Michael's
Tuesday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		9.30am	Holy Communion	Christ the King
		10am	Drop In	Christ the King
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Wednesday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		11am	Funeral	St. Michael's
		12.30pm	Clergy Chapter	St. Gabriel's
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Thursday	4 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		10am	Drop In	St. Michael's
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Friday	5 <sup>th</sup>		No services	
Saturday	6 <sup>th</sup>	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		12noon	Drop In Lunch	Christ the King
		6pm	Evening Prayer	St. Michael's
Sunday	7 <sup>th</sup>	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	Choral Evensong	St. Michael's

## Church Hall Bookings

Please ring Gill on 01922 624583.