

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

Sunday 17th August is the Ninth Sunday after Trinity
Services this week

Sunday Ninth Sunday After Trinity	17th	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	18th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
		7pm	Bible Discussion	Zoom
Tuesday	19th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		9.30am	Holy Communion	Christ the King
		10am	Drop In	Christ the King
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Wednesday	20th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Thursday	21st	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		10am	Drop In	St. Michael's
				Community Hall
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Friday	22nd		No services	
Saturday	23rd	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Sunday Bartholomew The Apostle	24th	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.

Summer is certainly here and the holiday season is in full swing. Our services continue as usual throughout the week and if you're not going away we'd love to see you..

Readings for Holy Communion – 17th August

The Collect

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
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 *Jeremiah 23.23-29*

²³Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? ²⁴Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. ²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' ²⁶How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back - those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? ²⁷They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. ²⁹Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

Psalm 82

R: Arise O God and judge the earth.

1 God has taken his stand in the council of heaven;
in the midst of the gods he gives judgement:

2 'How long will you judge unjustly
and show such favour to the wicked?

3 'You were to judge the weak and the orphan;
defend the right of the humble and needy; **R**

4 'Rescue the weak and the poor;
deliver them from the hand of the wicked.

5 'They have no knowledge or wisdom;
they walk on still in darkness:

all the foundations of the earth are shaken. **R**

6 'Therefore I say that though you are gods
and all of you children of the Most High,

7 'Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals
and fall like one of their princes.'

8 Arise, O God and judge the earth,
for it is you that shall take all nations for your possession. **R**

Second Reading

Hebrews 11.29-12.2

²⁹By faith the people of Israel passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

³²And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets – ³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented – ³⁸of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

³⁹Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 12.49-56

Jesus said to his disciples: ⁴⁹I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵²From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³they will be divided:

father against son
and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

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

Holy Father,
who gathered us here around the table of
your Son
to share this meal with the whole
household of God:
in that new world where you reveal the
fullness of your peace,
gather people of every race and language
to share in the eternal banquet of
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Readings for Evening Prayer

Psalms 119: 17-24

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

17 O do good to your servant that I may live,
and so shall I keep your word.

18 Open my eyes, that I may see
the wonders of your law. **R**

19 I am a stranger upon earth;
hide not your commandments from me.

20 My soul is consumed at all times
with fervent longing for your judgements. **R**

21 You have rebuked the arrogant;
cursed are those who stray from your commandments.

22 Turn from me shame and rebuke,
for I have kept your testimonies. **R**

23 Rulers also sit and speak against me,
but your servant meditates on your statutes.

24 For your testimonies are my delight;
they are my faithful counsellors. **R**

First Reading

Isaiah 28.9-22

⁹Whom will he teach knowledge,
and to whom will he explain the message?

Those who are weaned from milk,
those taken from the breast?

¹⁰For it is precept upon precept, precept upon precept,
line upon line, line upon line,
here a little, there a little.'

¹¹Truly, with stammering lip
and with alien tongue
he will speak to this people,
¹²to whom he has said,

'This is rest;
give rest to the weary;
and this is repose';
yet they would not hear.

¹³Therefore the word of the LORD will be to them,
'Precept upon precept, precept upon precept,
line upon line, line upon line,
here a little, there a little';
in order that they may go, and fall backwards,
and be broken, and snared, and taken.

¹⁴Therefore hear the word of the LORD, you scoffers
who rule this people in Jerusalem.
¹⁵Because you have said, 'We have made a covenant with death,
and with Sheol we have an agreement;
when the overwhelming scourge passes through
it will not come to us;
for we have made lies our refuge,
and in falsehood we have taken shelter';
¹⁶therefore thus says the Lord GOD,
See, I am laying in Zion a foundation stone,
a tested stone,
a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation:
'One who trusts will not panic.'
¹⁷And I will make justice the line,
and righteousness the plummet;
hail will sweep away the refuge of lies,
and waters will overwhelm the shelter.
¹⁸Then your covenant with death will be annulled,
and your agreement with Sheol will not stand;
when the overwhelming scourge passes through
you will be beaten down by it.
¹⁹As often as it passes through, it will take you;
for morning by morning it will pass through,
by day and by night;
and it will be sheer terror to understand the message.
²⁰For the bed is too short to stretch oneself on it,
and the covering too narrow to wrap oneself in it.
²¹For the LORD will rise up as on Mount Perazim,
he will rage as in the valley of Gibeon
to do his deed – strange is his deed! –
and to work his work – alien is his work!
²²Now therefore do not scoff,
or your bonds will be made stronger;
for I have heard a decree of destruction
from the Lord GOD of hosts upon the whole land.

Second Reading *2 Corinthians 8.1-9*

¹We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God that has been granted to the churches of Macedonia; ²for during a severe ordeal of affliction, their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. ³For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means, ⁴begging us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in this ministry to the saints – ⁵and this, not merely as we expected; they gave themselves first to the Lord and, by the will of God, to us, ⁶so that we might urge Titus that, as he had already made a beginning, so he should also complete this generous undertaking among you. ⁷Now as you excel in everything – in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you – so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

⁸I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. ⁹For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.

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



Coming up soon:

Sunday Bartholomew The Apostle	24 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
Monday	25 th		No services	
Tuesday	26 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		9.30am	Holy Communion	Christ the King
		10am	Drop In	Christ the King
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Wednesday	27 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Thursday	28 th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		10am	Drop In	St. Michael's
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Friday	29 th		No services	
Saturday	30 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6.30pm	Bring and share	St. Michael's
Sunday Eleventh Sunday After Trinity	31 st	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

Church Hall Bookings

Please ring Gill on 01922 624583.

Diary Date

Quiz Night - Saturday 27th September

More information soon