

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

Sunday 7th September is the Twelfth Sunday after Trinity
Services this week

Sunday Twelfth Sunday after Trinity	7th	8am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		9am	Holy Communion	Christ the King
		10.30am	Seeker Service	St. Michael's
		6.30pm	Evensong	St. Michael's
Monday <i>Birth of the BVM</i>	8th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
		7pm	Bible Discussion	Zoom
Tuesday	9th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		9.30am	Holy Communion	Christ the King
		10am	Drop In	Christ the King
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Wednesday	10th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Thursday	11th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		10am	Drop In	St. Michael's
				Community Hall
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
		7.30pm	Deanery Synod	St. Matthews
Friday	12th		No services	
Saturday	13th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Sunday Holy Cross Day	14th	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.

Scan the code for the notices and readings:

Autumn begins as does a new academic year, beginnings and endings whilst our worship and ministry continue as always.

Readings for Holy Communion – 7th September

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is
afraid
and giving us those good things
which we are not worthy to ask
but through the merits and mediation
of 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

Philemon 1-21

¹Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, ²to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God ⁵because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. ⁶I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. ⁷I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

⁸For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, ⁹yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love – and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. ¹²I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother – especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord.

No one comes to the Father except through me

Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 14.25-33

²⁵Large crowds were travelling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them,
²⁶“Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰saying, “This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.” ³¹Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.’

Prayer of preparation

Blessed be God,

who feeds the hungry,

who raises the poor,

who fills our praise.

Blessed be God for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

God of all mercy,

in this eucharist you have set aside our sins

and given us your healing:

grant that we who are made whole in Christ

may bring that healing to this broken world,

in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Readings for Evening Prayer

Psalm 121

- 1 I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills : from whence cometh my help.
- 2 My help cometh even from the Lord : who hath made heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not suffer thy foot to be moved : and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.
- 4 Behold, he that keepeth Israel : shall neither slumber nor sleep.
- 5 The Lord himself is thy keeper : the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;
- 6 So that the sun shall not burn thee by day : neither the moon by night.
- 7 The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil : yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.
- 8 The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in : from this time forth for evermore.

First Reading *Isaiah 43.14-44.5*

- ¹⁴Thus says the LORD,
your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel:
For your sake I will send to Babylon
and break down all the bars,
and the shouting of the Chaldeans will be turned to lamentation.
- ¹⁵I am the LORD, your Holy One,
the Creator of Israel, your King.
- ¹⁶Thus says the LORD,
who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
¹⁷who brings out chariot and horse,
army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
- ¹⁸Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.
- ¹⁹I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.
- ²⁰The wild animals will honour me,
the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
²¹the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.
- ²²Yet you did not call upon me, O Jacob;
but you have been weary of me, O Israel!

²³You have not brought me your sheep for burnt-offerings,
or honoured me with your sacrifices.
I have not burdened you with offerings,
or wearied you with frankincense.
²⁴You have not bought me sweet cane with money,
or satisfied me with the fat of your sacrifices.
But you have burdened me with your sins;
you have wearied me with your iniquities.
²⁵I, I am He
who blots out your transgressions for my own sake,
and I will not remember your sins.
²⁶Accuse me, let us go to trial;
set forth your case, so that you may be proved right.
²⁷Your first ancestor sinned,
and your interpreters transgressed against me.
²⁸Therefore I profaned the princes of the sanctuary,
I delivered Jacob to utter destruction,
and Israel to reviling.

¹But now hear, O Jacob my servant, Israel whom I have chosen!

²Thus says the LORD who made you,
who formed you in the womb and will help you:
Do not fear, O Jacob my servant,
Jeshurun whom I have chosen.

³For I will pour water on the thirsty land,
and streams on the dry ground;
I will pour my spirit upon your descendants,
and my blessing on your offspring.

⁴They shall spring up like a green tamarisk,
like willows by flowing streams.

⁵This one will say, 'I am the LORD's',
another will be called by the name of Jacob,
yet another will write on the hand, 'The LORD's',
and adopt the name of Israel.

Second Reading *John 5.30-47*

Jesus said, ³⁰I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge; and my judgement is just, because I seek to do not my own will but the will of him who sent me.

³¹If I testify about myself, my testimony is not true. ³²There is another who testifies on my behalf, and I know that his testimony to me is true. ³³You sent messengers to John, and he testified to the truth. ³⁴Not that I accept such human testimony, but I say these things so that you may be saved. ³⁵He was a burning and shining lamp, and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light. ³⁶But I have a testimony greater than John's. The works that the Father has given me to complete, the very works that I am doing, testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me. ³⁷And the Father who sent me has himself testified on my behalf. You have never heard his voice or seen his form, ³⁸and you do not have his word abiding in you, because you do not believe him whom he has sent.

³⁹You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that testify on my behalf. ⁴⁰Yet you refuse to come to me to have life.

⁴¹I do not accept glory from human beings. ⁴²But I know that you do not have the love of God in you. ⁴³I have come in my Father's name, and you do not accept me; if another comes in his own name, you will accept him. ⁴⁴How can you believe when you accept glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the one who alone is God? ⁴⁵Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; your accuser is Moses, on whom you have set your hope. ⁴⁶If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. ⁴⁷But if you do not believe what he wrote, how will you believe what I say?

Diary Date

Quiz Night

Saturday 27th September

More information soon

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

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!

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.

Coming up soon:

Sunday Holy Cross Day	14 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	15 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
		7pm	Bible Discussion	Zoom
Tuesday	16 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		9.30am	Holy Communion	Christ the King
		10am	Drop In	Christ the King
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Wednesday	17 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Thursday	18 th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		10am	Drop In	St. Michael's
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Friday	19 th	7pm	Episcopal Area Prayer	St. Thomas, Aldridge
Saturday	20 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Sunday St. Matthew, Apostle And Evangelist	21 st	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

Church Hall Bookings

Please ring Gill on 01922 624583