

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

Sunday 28th September is Michaelmas Services this week

Sunday Michaelmas	28 th	8am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		9am	Holy Communion	Christ the King
		10.30am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		4pm	Baptism	St. Michael's
		6.30pm	Evening Prayer	St. Michael's
Monday	29 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
		7pm	Bible Discussion	Zoom
Tuesday	30 th	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	1 st	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		12 noon	Diocesan day of prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Thursday	2 nd	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		10am	Drop In	St. Michael's
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Friday	3 rd		No services	
Saturday	4 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Sunday Harvest Festival	5 th	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
		7.30pm	Harvest Festival	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.

We celebrate our patronal festival this Sunday and give thanks for the life of our church throughout the parish and in all our congregations at St. Michael's, Christ the King and online.

Readings for Holy Communion – 28th September

The Collect

Everlasting God,
you have ordained and constituted
the ministries of angels and mortals in a
wonderful order:
grant that as your holy angels always serve you
in heaven,
so, at your command,
they may help and defend us on earth;
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

Genesis 28.10-17

¹⁰Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. ¹¹He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. ¹²And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³And the LORD stood beside him and said, 'I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; ¹⁴and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. ¹⁵Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' ¹⁶Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the LORD is in this place – and I did not know it!' ¹⁷And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.'

Psalm 34: 1-8

R: O taste and see that the Lord is gracious.

1 I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

2 My soul shall glory in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad. **R**

3 O magnify the Lord with me;
let us exalt his name together.

4 I sought the Lord and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears. **R**

5 Look upon him and be radiant
and your faces shall not be ashamed.

6 This poor soul cried, and the Lord heard me
and saved me from all my troubles. **R**

7 The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him
and delivers them.

8 O taste and see that the Lord is gracious;
blessed is the one who trusts in him. **R**

Second Reading *Revelation 12.7-12*

⁷War broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, ⁸but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. ⁹The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world – he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

¹⁰Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming,

‘Now have come the salvation and the power
and the kingdom of our God
and the authority of his Messiah,

for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down,
who accuses them day and night before our God.

¹¹But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb
and by the word of their testimony,
for they did not cling to life even in the face of death.

¹²Rejoice then, you heavens
and those who dwell in them!

But woe to the earth and the sea,
for the devil has come down to you
with great wrath,
because he knows that his time is short!’

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Bless the Lord, all you his hosts,
you ministers of his who do his will. *Psalm 103.21*

Alleluia.

Gospel *John 1.47-51*

⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, ‘Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!’ ⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, ‘Where did you come to know me?’ Jesus answered, ‘I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.’ ⁴⁹Nathanael replied, ‘Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!’ ⁵⁰Jesus answered, ‘Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.’ ⁵¹And he said to him, ‘Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.’

Prayer of preparation

God of glory,
as you appointed angels to minister in
your presence,
so may all our worship bring you
worthy praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of heaven,
in this eucharist you have brought us near
to an innumerable company of angels
and to the spirits of the saints made
perfect:
as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage
we have shared their fellowship,
so may we come to share their joy in
heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Readings for Evening Prayer

Psalm 138

R: Great is the glory of the Lord.

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods will I sing praise to you.
- 2 I will bow down towards your holy temple and praise your name,
because of your love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name
and your word above all things. **R**
- 3 In the day that I called to you, you answered me;
you put new strength in my soul.
- 4 All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord,
for they have heard the words of your mouth. **R**
- 5 They shall sing of the ways of the Lord,
that great is the glory of the Lord.
- 6 Though the Lord be high, he watches over the lowly;
as for the proud, he regards them from afar. **R**
- 7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you will preserve me;
you will stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand will save me.
- 8 The Lord shall make good his purpose for me;
your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever;
forsake not the work of your hands. **R**

First Reading*Daniel 10.4-21*

⁴On the twenty-fourth day of the first month, as I was standing on the bank of the great river (that is, the Tigris), ⁵I looked up and saw a man clothed in linen, with a belt of gold from Uphaz around his waist. ⁶His body was like beryl, his face like lightning, his eyes like flaming torches, his arms and legs like the gleam of burnished bronze, and the sound of his words like the roar of a multitude. ⁷I, Daniel, alone saw the vision; the people who were with me did not see the vision, though a great trembling fell upon them, and they fled and hid themselves. ⁸So I was left alone to see this great vision. My strength left me, and my complexion grew deathly pale, and I retained no strength.

⁹Then I heard the sound of his words; and when I heard the sound of his words, I fell into a trance, face to the ground.

¹⁰But then a hand touched me and roused me to my hands and knees. ¹¹He said to me, 'Daniel, greatly beloved, pay attention to the words that I am going to speak to you. Stand on your feet, for I have now been sent to you.' So while he was speaking this word to me, I stood up trembling. ¹²He said to me, 'Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come because of your words. ¹³But the prince of the kingdom of Persia opposed me for twenty-one days. So Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, and I left him there with the prince of the kingdom of Persia, ¹⁴and have come to help you understand what is to happen to your people at the end of days. For there is a further vision for those days.'

¹⁵While he was speaking these words to me, I turned my face towards the ground and was speechless. ¹⁶Then one in human form touched my lips, and I opened my mouth to speak, and said to the one who stood before me, 'My lord, because of the vision such pains have come upon me that I retain no strength. ¹⁷How can my lord's servant talk with my lord? For I am shaking, no strength remains in me, and no breath is left in me.'

¹⁸Again one in human form touched me and strengthened me. ¹⁹He said, 'Do not fear, greatly beloved, you are safe. Be strong and courageous!' When he spoke to me, I was strengthened and said, 'Let my lord speak, for you have strengthened me.' ²⁰Then he said, 'Do you know why I have come to you? Now I must return to fight against the prince of Persia, and when I am through with him, the prince of Greece will come.

²¹But I am to tell you what is inscribed in the book of truth. There is no one with me who contends against these princes except Michael, your prince.

Second Reading *Revelation 5*

¹I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; ²and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?' ³And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. ⁴And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. ⁵Then one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.'

⁶Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. ⁸When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹They sing a new song:

'You are worthy to take the scroll
and to open its seals,
for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God
saints from every tribe and language and people and nation;
¹⁰you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God,
and they will reign on earth.'

¹¹Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹²singing with full voice,

'Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honour and glory and blessing!'

¹³Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

'To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honour and glory and might
for ever and ever!'

¹⁴And the four living creatures said, 'Amen!' And the elders fell down and worshipped.

HARVEST FESTIVAL



SUNDAY 5TH OCTOBER

8AM HOLY COMMUNION

9AM HOLY COMMUNION AT CHRIST THE KING

10.30AM SEEKER SERVICE

**6.30PM CHORAL EVENSONG FOLLOWED BY
HARVEST SUPPER**

Coming up soon:

Sunday Harvest Festival	5 th	8am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		9am	Holy Communion	Christ the King
		10.30am	Seeker Service	St. Michael's
		6.30pm	Choral Evensong	St. Michael's
		7.30pm	Harvest Supper	St. Michael's
Monday Michael & All Angels	6 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Tuesday	7 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Wednesday	8 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Thursday	9 th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		10am	Drop In	St. Michael's
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Friday	10 th		No services	
Saturday	11 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	St. Michael's
Sunday Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity	12 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

Church Hall Bookings

Please ring Gill on 01922 624583.