

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

Sunday 14th September is Holy Cross Day Services this week

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		No services	
Thursday	18 th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		10am	Drop In	St. Michael's
				Community Hall
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Friday	19 th		No services	
Saturday	20 th		No services	
Sunday 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

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.

Sign up in church for the quiz night on 27th September.

Readings for Holy Communion – 14th September

The Collect

Almighty God,
who in the passion of your blessed Son
made an instrument of painful death
to be for us the means of life and peace:
grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ
that we may gladly suffer for his sake;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

First Reading

Numbers 21.4-9

⁴The Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. ⁵The people spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.' ⁶Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. ⁷The people came to Moses and said, 'We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us.' So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, 'Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.' ⁹So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Psalm 22: 23-28

R: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

22 I will tell of your name to the people;
In the midst of the congregation will I praise you

23 Praise the Lord, you that fear him;
O seed of Jacob, glorify him;

stand in awe of him, O seed of Israel. **R**

24 For he has not despised nor abhorred the suffering of the poor;
neither has he hidden his face from them;
but when they cried to him he heard them. **R**

25 From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
I will perform my vows
in the presence of those that fear you.

26 The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek the Lord shall praise him;
their hearts shall live for ever. **R**

27 All the ends of the earth
shall remember and turn to the Lord,
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

28 For the kingdom is the Lord's
and he rules over the nations. **R**

Second Reading

Philippians 2.6-11

⁶Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
⁷but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
⁸he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death –
even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,
because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world
Alleluia.

Gospel

John 3.13-17

Jesus said to Nicodemus: ¹³'No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'

Prayer of preparation

Merciful God,
through the death of your beloved
Son
you transformed an instrument of
shame
into a sign of hope and glory.
Receive all we bring before you this
day,

Post Communion Prayer

Faithful God,
whose Son bore our sins in his body on the
tree
and gave us this sacrament to show forth his
death until he comes:
give us grace to glory in the cross of our Lord
Jesus Christ,
for he is our salvation, our life and our hope,
who reigns as Lord, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Readings for Evening Prayer

Psalm 110

R: You are a priest for ever.

1 The Lord said to my lord, 'Sit at my right hand,
until I make your enemies your footstool.'

2 May the Lord stretch forth the sceptre of your power;
rule from Zion in the midst of your enemies. **R**

3 'Noble are you on this day of your birth;
on the holy mountain, from the womb of the dawn
the dew of your new birth is upon you.' **R**

4 The Lord has sworn and will not retract:
'You are a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.'

5 The king at your right hand, O Lord,
shall smite down kings in the day of his wrath. **R**

6 In all his majesty, he shall judge among the nations,
smiting heads over all the wide earth.

7 He shall drink from the brook beside the way;
therefore shall he lift high his head. **R**

First Reading

Isaiah 33.13-22

Isaiah 63.1-16

¹'Who is this that comes from Edom,
from Bozrah in garments stained crimson?
Who is this so splendidly robed,
marching in his great might?'

'It is I, announcing vindication,
mighty to save.'

²'Why are your robes red,
and your garments like theirs who tread the wine press?'

³'I have trodden the wine press alone,
and from the peoples no one was with me;
I trod them in my anger
and trampled them in my wrath;
their juice spattered on my garments,
and stained all my robes.

⁴For the day of vengeance was in my heart,
and the year for my redeeming work had come.

⁵I looked, but there was no helper;
I stared, but there was no one to sustain me;
so my own arm brought me victory,
and my wrath sustained me.

⁶I trampled down peoples in my anger,
I crushed them in my wrath,
and I poured out their lifeblood on the earth.'

⁷I will recount the gracious deeds of the LORD,
the praiseworthy acts of the LORD,
because of all that the LORD has done for us,
and the great favour to the house of Israel
that he has shown them according to his mercy,
according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

⁸For he said, 'Surely they are my people,
children who will not deal falsely';

and he became their saviour
⁹in all their distress.

It was no messenger or angel
but his presence that saved them;
in his love and in his pity he redeemed them;
he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

¹⁰But they rebelled
and grieved his holy spirit;
therefore he became their enemy;
he himself fought against them.
¹¹Then they remembered the days of old,
of Moses his servant.
Where is the one who brought them up out of the sea
with the shepherds of his flock?
Where is the one who put within them
his holy spirit,
¹²who caused his glorious arm
to march at the right hand of Moses,
who divided the waters before them
to make for himself an everlasting name,
¹³who led them through the depths?
Like a horse in the desert,
they did not stumble.
¹⁴Like cattle that go down into the valley,
the spirit of the LORD gave them rest.
Thus you led your people,
to make for yourself a glorious name.
¹⁵Look down from heaven and see,
from your holy and glorious habitation.
Where are your zeal and your might?
The yearning of your heart and your compassion?
They are withheld from me.
¹⁶For you are our father,
though Abraham does not know us
and Israel does not acknowledge us;
you, O LORD, are our father;
our Redeemer from of old is your name.

Second Reading *1 Corinthians 1.18-25*

¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

‘I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.’

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

Diary Date

Quiz Night

Saturday 27th September at 7pm

£6 to include a cob and cake.

Sign up in church



Coming up soon:

Sunday 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
Monday	22 nd	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Tuesday	23 rd	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		9.30am	Holy Communion	Christ the King
		10am	Drop In	Christ the King
		10am	Architect Meeting	St. Michael's
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Wednesday	24 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		2.30pm	Ministry Team	Somerset Road
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Thursday	25 th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		10am	Drop In	St. Michael's
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
		7.30pm	PCC	St. Michael's
Friday	26 th		No services	
Saturday	27 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		1.30pm	Wedding Blessing	St. Michael's
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
		7pm	Quiz Night	St. Michael's
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

Church Hall Bookings

Please ring Gill on 01922 624583.