

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

Sunday 21st September is the Feast of St. Matthew
Services this week

Sunday Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist	21st	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	22nd	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
		7pm	Bible Discussion	Zoom
Tuesday	23rd	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		9.30am	Holy Communion	Christ the King
		10am	Drop In	Christ the King
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Wednesday	24th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		2.30pm	Ministry Team	Somerset Road
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Thursday	25th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		10am	Drop In	St. Michael's
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Friday	26th		No services	
Saturday	27th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		1.30pm	Wedding Blessing	St. Michael's
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
		7pm	Quiz Night	St. Michael's
Sunday Michaelmas	28th	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

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.

A series of festivals continues; St. Matthew this week, Michaelmas next week and then harvest at the start of October. Come along and celebrate with us.

Readings for Holy Communion – 21st September

The Collect

O almighty God,
whose blessed Son called Matthew the tax-
collector
to be an apostle and evangelist:
give us grace to forsake the selfish pursuit of
gain
and the possessive love of riches
that we may follow in the way of your Son
Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

First Reading *Proverbs 3.13-18*

- ¹³Happy are those who find wisdom,
and those who get understanding,
¹⁴for her income is better than silver,
and her revenue better than gold.
¹⁵She is more precious than jewels,
and nothing you desire can compare with her.
¹⁶Long life is in her right hand;
in her left hand are riches and honour.
¹⁷Her ways are ways of pleasantness,
and all her paths are peace.
¹⁸She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her;
those who hold her fast are called happy.

Psalm 119: 65-72

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

- 65 You have dealt graciously with your servant,
according to your word, O Lord.
66 O teach me true understanding and knowledge,
for I have trusted in your commandments. **R**
67 Before I was afflicted I went astray,
but now I keep your word.
68 You are gracious and do good;
O Lord, teach me your statutes. **R**
69 The proud have smeared me with lies,
but I will keep your commandments with my whole heart.
70 Their heart has become gross with fat,
but my delight is in your law. **R**

71 It is good for me that I have been afflicted,
that I may learn your statutes.

72 The law of your mouth is dearer to me
than a hoard of gold and silver. **R**

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 4.1-6

¹Since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ²We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. ³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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

Matthew 9.9-13

⁹As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him.

¹⁰And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. ¹¹When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' ¹²But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.'

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.**

Readings for Evening Prayer

Psalms 119: 33-40

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

33 Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes
and I shall keep it to the end.

34 Give me understanding and I shall keep your law;
I shall keep it with my whole heart. **R**

35 Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for therein is my delight.

36 Incline my heart to your testimonies
and not to unjust gain. **R**

37 Turn away my eyes lest they gaze on vanities;
O give me life in your ways.

38 Confirm to your servant your promise,
which stands for all who fear you. **R**

39 Turn away the reproach which I dread,
because your judgements are good.

40 Behold, I long for your commandments;
in your righteousness give me life. **R**

First Reading

Ecclesiastes 5.4-12

⁴When you make a vow to God, do not delay fulfilling it; for he has no pleasure in fools. Fulfil what you vow. ⁵It is better that you should not vow than that you should vow and not fulfil it. ⁶Do not let your mouth lead you into sin, and do not say before the messenger that it was a mistake; why should God be angry at your words, and destroy the work of your hands?

⁷With many dreams come vanities and a multitude of words; but fear God.

⁸If you see in a province the oppression of the poor and the violation of justice and right, do not be amazed at the matter; for the high official is watched by a higher, and there are yet higher ones over them. ⁹But all things considered, this is an advantage for a land: a king for a ploughed field.

¹⁰The lover of money will not be satisfied with money; nor the lover of wealth, with gain. This also is vanity.

¹¹When goods increase, those who eat them increase; and what gain has their owner but to see them with his eyes?

¹²Sweet is the sleep of labourers, whether they eat little or much; but the surfeit of the rich will not let them sleep.

Second Reading

Matthew 19.16-30

¹⁶Then someone came to Jesus and said, 'Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?' ¹⁷And he said to him, 'Why do you ask me about what is good?

There is only one who is good. If you wish to enter into life, keep the

commandments.' ¹⁸He said to him, 'Which ones?' And Jesus said, 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; ¹⁹Honour your father and mother; also, You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' ²⁰The young man said to him, 'I have kept all these; what do I still lack?'

²¹Jesus said to him, 'If you wish to be perfect, go, sell your possessions, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.'

²²When the young man heard this word, he went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'Truly I tell you, it will be hard for a rich person to enter the kingdom of heaven. ²⁴Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.'

²⁵When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astounded and said, 'Then who can be saved?' ²⁶But Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but for God all things are possible.'

²⁷Then Peter said in reply, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?' ²⁸Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man is seated on the throne of his glory, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. ²⁹And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and will inherit eternal life. ³⁰But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'

Quiz Night

Saturday 27th September at 7pm

£6 to include a cob and cake.

Sign up in church

We celebrate our patronal festival of Michaelmas
on Sunday 28th September



Giving thanks for the ministry, mission and worship of our
church in this parish

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 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 Michael & All Angels	29 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Tuesday	30 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		9.30am	Holy Communion	Christ the King
		10am	Drop In	Christ the King
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Wednesday	1 st	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
		7.30pm	Deanery Standing	St. Gabriel's
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
		12noon	Drop In Lunch	Christ the King
		6pm	Evening Prayer	St. Michael's
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

Church Hall Bookings

Please ring Gill on 01922 624583.