

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

Sunday 12th October is the Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity
Services this week

Sunday Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity	12th	8am 9am 10.30am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion Holy Communion Evening Prayer	St. Michael's Christ the King St. Michael's St. Michael's
Monday <i>Edward the Confessor</i>	13th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
Tuesday	14th	8am 9.30am 10am 6pm	Morning Prayer Holy Communion Drop In Evening Prayer	Zoom Christ the King Christ the King Zoom
Wednesday <i>Teresa of Avila</i>	15th	8am 6pm	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	Zoom Zoom
Thursday <i>Ignatius of Antioch</i>	16th	9.30am 10am 6pm	Holy Communion Drop In Evening Prayer	St. Michael's St. Michael's Zoom
Friday	17th		No services	
Saturday <i>Luke, Evangelist</i>	18th	6.30pm	No services Line Dancing	Church Hall
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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.

The year rolls on; harvest is over and soon we enter a time of remembrance. Soon will come the busyness of preparing for Christmas – but our Gospel reading this week reminds us to pause and give thanks for God's goodness.

Readings for Holy Communion – 12th October

The Collect

Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they find their
rest in you:
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to
yourself,
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city
where we shall see you face to face;
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

2 Kings 5.1-3,6-15c

Naaman was commander of the army of the king of Aram. He was a great man in the sight of his master and highly regarded, because through him the LORD had given victory to Aram. He was a valiant soldier, but he had leprosy.

Now bands from Aram had gone out and had taken captive a young girl from Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my master would see the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy."

So the king of Aram sent a letter to the king of Israel: "With this letter I am sending my servant Naaman to you so that you may cure him of his leprosy."

As soon as the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his robes and said, "Am I God? Can I kill and bring back to life? Why does this fellow send someone to me to be cured of his leprosy? See how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me!"

When Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his robes, he sent him this message: "Why have you torn your robes? Make the man come to me and he will know that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman went with his horses and chariots and stopped at the door of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to say to him, "Go, wash yourself seven times in the Jordan, and your flesh will be restored and you will be cleansed."

But Naaman went away angry and said, "I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, wave his hand over the spot and cure me of my leprosy. Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than any of the waters of Israel? Couldn't I wash in them and be cleansed?" So he turned and went off in a rage.

Naaman's servants went to him and said, "My father, if the prophet had told you to do some great thing, would you not have done it? How much more, then, when he tells you, 'Wash and be cleansed'?" So he went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, as the man of God had told him, and his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a young boy.

Then Naaman and all his attendants went back to the man of God. He stood before him and said, “Now I know that there is no God in all the world except in Israel.”

Psalm 111

R: The fear of the Lord, the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

1 Alleluia.

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the faithful and in the congregation.

2 The works of the Lord are great,
sought out by all who delight in them. **R**

3 His work is full of majesty and honour
and his righteousness endures for ever.

4 He appointed a memorial for his marvellous deeds;
the Lord is gracious and full of compassion. **R**

5 He gave food to those who feared him;
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

6 He showed his people the power of his works
in giving them the heritage of the nations. **R**

7 The works of his hands are truth and justice;
all his commandments are sure.

8 They stand fast for ever and ever;
they are done in truth and equity. **R**

9 He sent redemption to his people;
he commanded his covenant for ever;
holy and awesome is his name.

10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
a good understanding have those who live by it;
his praise endures for ever. **R**

Second Reading *2 Timothy 2.8-15*

⁸Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David – that is my gospel, ⁹for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. ¹¹The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

¹²if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he will also deny us;

¹³if we are faithless, he remains faithful –
for he cannot deny himself.

¹⁴Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. ¹⁵Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord.

I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 17.11-19

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' ¹⁴When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they?' ¹⁸Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' ¹⁹Then he said to the Samaritan, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

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

Lord, we pray that your grace

may always precede and follow us,
and make us continually to be given to all
good works;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Readings for Evening Prayer

Psalm 144

R: Blessed be the Lord my rock.

1 Blessed be the Lord my rock,
who teaches my hands for war and my fingers for battle;

2 My steadfast help and my fortress,
my stronghold and my deliverer,
my shield in whom I trust,

who subdues the peoples under me. **R**

3 O Lord, what are mortals that you should consider them;
mere human beings, that you should take thought for them?

4 They are like a breath of wind;
their days pass away like a shadow. **R**

5 Bow your heavens, O Lord, and come down;
touch the mountains and they shall smoke.

6 Cast down your lightnings and scatter them;
shoot out your arrows and let thunder roar. **R**

7 Reach down your hand from on high;
deliver me and take me out of the great waters,
from the hand of foreign enemies,

8 Whose mouth speaks wickedness
and their right hand is the hand of falsehood. **R**

9 O God, I will sing to you a new song;
I will play to you on a ten-stringed harp,

10 You that give salvation to kings
and have delivered David your servant. **R**

11 Save me from the peril of the sword
and deliver me from the hand of foreign enemies,

12 Whose mouth speaks wickedness
and whose right hand is the hand of falsehood; **R**

13 So that our sons in their youth
may be like well-nurtured plants,
and our daughters like pillars

carved for the corners of the temple;

14 Our barns be filled with all manner of store;
our flocks bearing thousands,
and ten thousands in our fields; **R**

15 Our cattle be heavy with young;
may there be no miscarriage or untimely birth,
no cry of distress in our streets.

16 Happy are the people whose blessing this is.
Happy are the people who have the Lord for their God. **R**

First Reading

Nehemiah 6.1-16

¹Now when it was reported to Sanballat and Tobiah and to Geshem the Arab and to the rest of our enemies that I had built the wall and that there was no gap left in it (though up to that time I had not set up the doors in the gates), ²Sanballat and Geshem sent to me, saying, 'Come and let us meet together in one of the villages in the plain of Ono.' But they intended to do me harm. ³So I sent messengers to them, saying, 'I am doing a great work and I cannot come down. Why should the work stop while I leave it to come down to you?' ⁴They sent to me four times in this way, and I answered them in the same manner. ⁵In the same way Sanballat for the fifth time sent his servant to me with an open letter in his hand. ⁶In it was written, 'It is reported among the nations – and Geshem also says it – that you and the Jews intend to rebel; that is why you are building the wall; and according to this report you wish to become their king. ⁷You have also set up prophets to proclaim in Jerusalem concerning you, "There is a king in Judah!" And now it will be reported to the king according to these words. So come, therefore, and let us confer together.' ⁸Then I sent to him, saying, 'No such things as you say have been done; you are inventing them out of your own mind' ⁹ – for they all wanted to frighten us, thinking, 'Their hands will drop from the work, and it will not be done.' But now, O God, strengthen my hands.

¹⁰One day when I went into the house of Shemaiah son of Delaiah son of Mehetabel, who was confined to his house, he said, 'Let us meet together in the house of God, within the temple, and let us close the doors of the temple, for they are coming to kill you; indeed, tonight they are coming to kill you.' ¹¹But I said, 'Should a man like me run away? Would a man like me go into the temple to save his life? I will not go in!' ¹²Then I perceived and saw that God had not sent him at all, but he had pronounced the prophecy against me because Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him. ¹³He was hired for this purpose, to intimidate me and make me sin by acting in this way, and so they could give me a bad name, in order to taunt me. ¹⁴Remember Tobiah and Sanballat, O my God, according to these things that they did, and also the prophetess Noadiah and the rest of the prophets who wanted to make me afraid.

¹⁵So the wall was finished on the twenty-fifth day of the month Elul, in fifty-two days.

¹⁶And when all our enemies heard of it, all the nations around us were afraid and fell greatly in their own esteem; for they perceived that this work had been accomplished with the help of our God.

Second Reading *John 15.12-27*

Jesus said to his disciples: ¹²‘This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.’

¹⁸‘If the world hates you, be aware that it hated me before it hated you. ¹⁹If you belonged to the world, the world would love you as its own. Because you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world – therefore the world hates you. ²⁰Remember the word that I said to you, “Servants are not greater than their master.” If they persecuted me, they will persecute you; if they kept my word, they will keep yours also. ²¹But they will do all these things to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me. ²²If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have sin; but now they have no excuse for their sin.

²³Whoever hates me hates my Father also. ²⁴If I had not done among them the works that no one else did, they would not have sin. But now they have seen and hated both me and my Father. ²⁵It was to fulfil the word that is written in their law, “They hated me without a cause.”

²⁶‘When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. ²⁷You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.’

<p>Line Dancing Evening - Saturday 18th October 6.30pm in the church hall.</p> <p>No previous experience necessary.</p> <p>Sign up at the back of church. £5 per person.</p>	<p>Our annual Candles of Remembrance Memorial service takes place on Sunday 2nd November at 6.30pm.</p> <p>The Christmas Fair takes place on Saturday 22nd November.</p> <p>List for volunteers at the back of church.</p>
<p>Christmas Draw tickets now at the back of church!</p> <p>Our church funds need replenishing after the current restoration works – every ticket sold helps!</p>	<p>Christmas in Rushall.</p> <p>Sunday 14th December: 4pm Christingle Service</p> <p>Sunday 21st December: 4pm Carols by Candlelight</p> <p>Christmas Eve: 11.30pm Midnight Mass</p> <p>Christmas Day: 8am Holy Communion</p> <p>9am Holy Communion at Christ the King</p>

Coming up soon:

Sunday Eighteenth Sunday After Trinity	19 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	20 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Tuesday	21 st	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		9.30am	Holy Communion	Christ the King
		10am	Drop In	Christ the King
		2pm	Chavasse Trust	tbc
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Wednesday	22 nd	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Thursday	23 rd	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		10am	Drop In	St. Michael's
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Friday	24 th		No services	
Saturday	25 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	St. Michael's
Sunday Bible Sunday	26 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.