

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

Sunday 5th October is Harvest Festival Services this week

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 Supper	St. Michael's
Monday	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
				Community Hall
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
		7.30pm	Deanery Synod	St. Matthews
Friday	10 th		No services	
Saturday	11 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
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

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.

Harvest Festival as we give thanks for the earth's bounty and remember those less fortunate by donating our gifts to the Glebe Centre.

Readings for Holy Communion – 5th October

The Collect

Eternal God,
you crown the year with your goodness
and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season:
grant that we may use them to your glory,
for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being;
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

Philippians 4: 4-9

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are ripe for harvesting.

Gather the fruit for eternal life. *cf John 4.35,36.*

Alleluia.

Gospel

John 6: 25-35

²⁵When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' ²⁶Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' ²⁸Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' ²⁹Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' ³⁰So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?' ³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." ³²Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' ³⁴They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.' ³⁵Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

Prayer of preparation

Blessed are you, Lord God of all
creation;
you bring forth bread from the earth.
Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all
creation;
you create the fruit of the vine.
Blessed be God for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of the harvest,
with joy we have offered thanksgiving for
your love in creation
and have shared in the bread and wine of the
kingdom:
by your grace plant within us a reverence for
all that you give us
and make us generous and wise stewards
of the good things we enjoy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Readings for Evening Prayer

Psalm 65

- 1 Thou, O God, art praised in Sion : and unto thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem.
- 2 Thou that hearest the prayer : unto thee shall all flesh come.
- 3 My misdeeds prevail against me : O be thou merciful unto our sins.
- 4 Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and receivest unto thee : he shall dwell in thy court, and shall be satisfied with the pleasures of thy house, even of thy holy temple.
- 5 Thou shalt shew us wonderful things in thy righteousness, O God of our salvation : thou that art the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of them that remain in the broad sea.
- 6 Who in his strength setteth fast the mountains: and is girded about with power.
- 7 Who stilleth the raging of the sea : and the noise of his waves, and the madness of the people.
- 8 They also that dwell in the uttermost parts of the earth shall be afraid at thy tokens : thou that makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to praise thee.
- 9 Thou visitest the earth, and blessest it : thou makest it very plenteous.
- 10 The river of God is full of water : thou preparest their corn, for so thou providest for the earth.
- 11 Thou waterest her furrows, thou sendest rain into the little valleys thereof : thou makest it soft with the drops of rain, and blessest the increase of it.
- 12 Thou crownest the year with thy goodness : and thy clouds drop fatness.
- 13 They shall drop upon the dwellings of the wilderness : and the little hills shall rejoice on every side.
- 14 The folds shall be full of sheep : the valleys also shall stand so thick with corn, that they shall laugh and sing.

First Reading

Deuteronomy 8: 7-10

⁷The LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, ⁸a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, ⁹a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. ¹⁰You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you.

Second Reading *John 4: 31-36*

³¹Meanwhile the disciples were urging Jesus, 'Rabbi, eat something.' ³²But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' ³³So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' ³⁴Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." ³⁸I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.'

The Collect

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who crownest the year with thy goodness
and dost give us the fruits of the earth in their season:
give us grace that we may use them to thy glory,
for the relief of those in need and for our own well-
being;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Please note that due to the vicar attending a training course there is no 9.30am service at Christ the King on Tuesday 7th October. Morning and evening Prayer however take place as usual.

Line Dancing Evening - Saturday 18th October 6.30pm in the church hall.

No previous experience necessary.

Sign up at the back of church. £5 per person.

Our annual
Candles of
Remembrance
Memorial service
takes place on
Sunday 2nd
November at
6.30pm.





The Christmas Fair
takes place on Saturday
22nd November.

More details nearer the
time.

Christmas in Rushall.

Sunday 14th December: 4pm Christingle Service

Sunday 21st December: 4pm Carols by Candlelight

Christmas Eve: 11.30pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day: 8am Holy Communion

9am Holy Communion at Christ the King

Coming up soon:

Sunday	12 th	8am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
Seventeenth Sunday		9am	Holy Communion	Christ the King
After Trinity		10.30am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		6.30pm	Evening Prayer	St. Michael's
Monday	13 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
Tuesday	14 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		9.30am	Holy Communion	Christ the King
		10am	Drop In	Christ the King
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Wednesday	15 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Thursday	16 th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		10am	Drop In	St. Michael's
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Friday	17 th		No services	
Saturday	18 th		No services	
<i>Luke, Evangelist</i>				
Sunday	19 th	8am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
Eighteenth Sunday		9am	Holy Communion	Christ the King
After Trinity		10.30am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		6.30pm	Evening Prayer	St. Michael's

Church Hall Bookings

Please ring Gill on 01922 624583