

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

Sunday 19th October is the Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity
Services this week

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	Christ the King
		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	Zoom
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

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 come to the last week of British Summer Time, the clocks go back one hour next week (26th October).

Readings for Holy Communion – 19th October

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
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 32.22-31

²²Jacob got up, took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, 'Let me go, for the day is breaking.' But Jacob said, 'I will not let you go, unless you bless me.' ²⁷So he said to him, 'What is your name?' And he said, 'Jacob.' ²⁸Then the man said, 'You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.' ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, 'Please tell me your name.' But he said, 'Why is it that you ask my name?' And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, 'For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.' ³¹The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Psalm 121

R: My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills;
from where is my help to come?

2 My help comes from the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth. **R**

3 He will not suffer your foot to stumble;
he who watches over you will not sleep.

4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel
shall neither slumber nor sleep. **R**

5 The Lord himself watches over you;
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day,
neither the moon by night. **R**

7 The Lord shall keep you from all evil;
it is he who shall keep your soul.

8 The Lord shall keep watch over your going out
and your coming in,
from this time forth for evermore. **R**

Second Reading

2 Timothy 3.14-4.5

¹⁴Continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, ¹⁵and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

¹In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ²proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

The word of the Lord endures for ever.

The word of the Lord is the good news announced to you

Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 18.1-8

¹Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ²He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent." ⁴For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" ⁶And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'

Prayer of preparation

Blessed be God,

by whose grace creation is renewed,
by whose love heaven is opened,
by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice
of praise.

Blessed be God for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for
this sacred feast:

for here we receive you,
here the memory of your passion is
renewed,
here our minds are filled with grace,
and here a pledge of future glory is given,
when we shall feast at that table where
you reign
with all your saints for ever. **Amen.**

Readings for Evening Prayer

Psalm 149

R: Sing, O sing to the Lord a new song.

1 Alleluia.

O sing to the Lord a new song;
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

2 Let Israel rejoice in their maker;
let the children of Zion be joyful in their king. **R**

3 Let them praise his name in the dance;
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and lyre.

4 For the Lord has pleasure in his people
and adorns the poor with salvation. **R**

5 Let the faithful be joyful in glory;
let them rejoice in their ranks,

6 With the praises of God in their mouths
and a two-edged sword in their hands; **R**

7 To execute vengeance on the nations
and punishment on the peoples;

8 To bind their kings in chains
and their nobles with fetters of iron;

9 To execute on them the judgement decreed;
such honour have all his faithful servants.

Alleluia. **R**

First Reading

Nehemiah 8.9-18

⁹Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.' ¹¹So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, 'Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be grieved.' ¹²And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them. ¹³On the second day the heads of ancestral houses of all the people, with the priests and the Levites, came together to the scribe Ezra in order to study the words of the law. ¹⁴And they found it written in the law, which the LORD had commanded by Moses, that the people of Israel should live in booths during the festival of the seventh month, ¹⁵and that they should publish and proclaim in all their towns and in Jerusalem as follows, 'Go out to the hills and bring branches of olive, wild olive, myrtle, palm, and other leafy trees to make booths, as it is written.' ¹⁶So the people went out and brought them, and made booths for themselves, each on the roofs of their houses, and in their courts and in the courts of the house of God, and in the square at the Water Gate and in the square at the Gate of Ephraim.

¹⁷And all the assembly of those who had returned from the captivity made booths and lived in them; for from the days of Jeshua son of Nun to that day the people of Israel had not done so. And there was very great rejoicing. ¹⁸And day by day, from the first day to the last day, he read from the book of the law of God. They kept the festival for seven days; and on the eighth day there was a solemn assembly, according to the ordinance.

Second Reading *John 16.1-11*

Jesus spoke to the disciples: ¹'I have said these things to you to keep you from stumbling. ²They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, an hour is coming when those who kill you will think that by doing so they are offering worship to God. ³And they will do this because they have not known the Father or me. ⁴But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them. 'I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, "Where are you going?"' ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

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 from
11am to 1pm.

List for volunteers and
helpers at the back of
church.

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



The scaffolding is up ready for the restoration work to begin.

The works will last until mid-November but do not affect the goings on in church or in the hall.

There is no handrail available for entering by way of the church steps so please take care – if necessary please enter by way of the hall entrance and passageway.

.

Don't forget to change your clocks next week (26th).

We get an extra hour's sleep!

Coming up soon:

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
Monday	27 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Tuesday	28 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		9.30am	Holy Communion	Christ the King
		10am	Drop In	Christ the King
		11am	Funeral	St. Michael's
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Wednesday	29 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Thursday	30 th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		10am	Drop In	St. Michael's
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Friday	31 st		No services	
Saturday	1 st	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	St. Michael's
Sunday All Saints' Sunday	2 nd	8am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		9am	Holy Communion	Christ the King
		10.30am	Seeker Service	St. Michael's
		6.30pm	Memorial service	St. Michael's

Church Hall Bookings

Please ring Gill on 01922 624583.