

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

Sunday 4th January is the Epiphany Sunday
 Services this week

Epiphany Sunday	4 th	8am 9am 10.30am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion Seeker Service Choral Evensong	St. Michael's Christ the King St. Michael's St. Michael's	Services online The Sunday
Monday	5 th	8am 6pm	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	Zoom Zoom	10.30am service at St. Michael's is streamed live on Facebook for those unable to attend in person.
Tuesday	6 th	8am 9.30am 10am 6pm	Morning Prayer Holy Communion Drop In Evening Prayer	Zoom Christ the King Christ the King Zoom	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.
Wednesday	7 th	8am 6pm	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	Zoom Zoom	
Thursday	8 th	9.30am 10am 6pm	Holy Communion Drop In Evening Prayer	St. Michael's St. Michael's Zoom	
Friday	9 th		No services		
Saturday	10 th	8am 6pm	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	Zoom Zoom	
The Baptism Of Christ/ Plough Sunday	11 th	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	

And so 2026 begins with Epiphany Sunday and the coming of the wise men.

Readings for Holy Communion – 4th January

The Collect

O God,
who by the leading of a star
manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth:
mercifully grant that we,
who know you now by faith,
may at last behold your glory 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

Isaiah 60.1-6

¹Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
²For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.
³Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
⁴Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.
⁵Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.
Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations
and believed in throughout the world. **Alleluia.**

Gospel

Matthew 2.1-12

¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, ²‘Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.’ ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, ‘In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.’ ⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, ‘Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.’ ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Prayer of preparation

Lord, accept your people's gifts,
not gold, frankincense or myrrh,
but hearts and voices raised in praise
of Jesus Christ, our light and our
salvation.

Amen

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God,
the bright splendour whom the nations seek:
may we who with the wise men have been
drawn by your light
discern the glory of your presence in your
Son,
the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Readings for Evensong

Psalm 98

- 1 O sing unto the Lord a new song: for he hath done marvellous things.
- 2 With his own right hand, and with his holy arm: hath he gotten himself the victory.
- 3 The Lord declared his salvation: his righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight of the heathen.
- 4 He hath remembered his mercy and truth toward the house of Israel: and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.
- 5 Shew yourselves joyful unto the Lord, all ye lands: sing, rejoice, and give thanks.
- 6 Praise the Lord upon the harp: sing to the harp with a psalm of thanksgiving.
- 7 With trumpets also and shawms: O shew yourselves joyful before the Lord the King.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is: the round world, and they that dwell therein.
- 9 Let the floods clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful together before the Lord: for he is come to judge the earth.
- 10 With righteousness shall he judge the world: and the people with equity.

First Reading

Baruch 4.36 - 5.9

- ³⁶Look towards the east, O Jerusalem,
and see the joy that is coming to you from God.
- ³⁷Look, your children are coming, whom you sent away;
they are coming, gathered from east and west,
at the word of the Holy One,
rejoicing in the glory of God.

- ¹Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem,
and put on for ever the beauty of the glory from God.
- ²Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God;
put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting;
- ³for God will show your splendour everywhere under heaven.
- ⁴For God will give you evermore the name,
‘Righteous Peace, Godly Glory’.
- ⁵Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height;
look towards the east,
and see your children gathered from west and east
at the word of the Holy One,
rejoicing that God has remembered them.
- ⁶For they went out from you on foot,
led away by their enemies;
but God will bring them back to you,
carried in glory, as on a royal throne.

⁷For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low

and the valleys filled up, to make level ground,
so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God.

⁸The woods and every fragrant tree
have shaded Israel at God's command.

⁹For God will lead Israel with joy,
in the light of his glory,
with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

Second Reading *John 2.1-11*

¹On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' ⁴And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' ⁵His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' ⁶Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. ⁹When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, ¹⁰'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' ¹¹Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Sunday 11th January

The Baptism of Christ

8am Holy Communion

9am Holy Communion (at Christ the King)

10.30am Parish Eucharist

6.30pm Evening Prayer

It is also Plough Sunday

Gardeners, bring one or two of your garden tools to the 10.30am service for a blessing on them and your work in the gardening year ahead.



Sunday 1st February
The Presentation of Christ in the Temple
(Candlemas)



8am Said Holy Communion – St. Michael's
9am Holy Communion – Christ the King
10.30am Sung Holy Communion – St. Michael's
6pm Cluster Service – St. Michael's, Pelsall

Coming up:

Baptism of Christ /Plough Sunday	11 th	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	12 th	8am 6pm	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	Zoom Zoom
Tuesday	13 th	8am 9.30am 10am 6pm	Morning Prayer Holy Communion Drop In Evening Prayer	Zoom Christ the King Christ the King Zoom
Wednesday	14 th	8am 6pm	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	Zoom Zoom
Thursday	15 th	8am 9.30am 10am 6pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion Drop in Evening Prayer	St. Michael's St. Michael's St. Michael's Zoom
Friday	16 th		No services	
Saturday	17 th	8am 6pm	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	Zoom Zoom
Second Sunday Of Epiphany	18 th	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