

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

**Sunday 11th January is the Feast of the Baptism of Christ
Services this week**

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

This Sunday is the feast of the Baptism of Christ. It also the 1st Sunday after 6th Jan - the Epiphany, and so is "Plough Sunday" when traditionally the plough would be blessed ready for work in the fields.

Readings for Holy Communion – 11th January

The Collect

Eternal Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,
that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted
children;
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 42.1-9

Thus says the Lord: ¹Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
²He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
³a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
⁴He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.
⁵Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
⁶I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,
⁷to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

⁸I am the LORD, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.
⁹See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

Psalm 29

R: May the Lord bless his people with peace.

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name;
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. **R**
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders;
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation;
the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice. **R**
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf
and Sirion like a young wild ox. **R**
- 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flash of lightning;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. **R**
- 8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe
and strips the forests bare;
in his temple all cry, 'Glory!' **R**
- 9 The Lord sits enthroned above the water flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.
- 10 The Lord shall give strength to his people;
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace. **R**

Second Reading*Acts 10.34-43*

³⁴Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius. 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased..

Alleluia.**Gospel***Matthew 3.13-17*

¹³Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

Prayer of preparation

Open the heavens, Lord our God,
and send your transforming Spirit
on us and on these gifts.

May we who are baptized into Christ
be ready to share his cup of suffering
and strengthened to serve him for
ever. Amen

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of all time and eternity,
you opened the heavens and revealed
yourself as Father
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:
by the power of your Spirit
complete the heavenly work of our rebirth
through the waters of the new creation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Readings for Evensong

Psalm 46

R: The Lord of hosts is with us

1 God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble;

2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains tremble in the heart of the sea;

3 Though the waters rage and swell,
and though the mountains quake at the towering seas.

4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy place of the dwelling of the Most High. **R**

5 God is in the midst of her;
therefore shall she not be removed;
God shall help her at the break of day.

6 The nations are in uproar and the kingdoms are shaken,
but God utters his voice and the earth shall melt away.

7 The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

8 Come and behold the works of the Lord,
what destruction he has wrought upon the earth. **R**

9 He makes wars to cease in all the world;
he shatters the bow and snaps the spear
and burns the chariots in the fire.

10 'Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted in the earth.'

11 The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold. **R**

First Reading

Joshua 3.1-8, 14-17

¹Early in the morning Joshua rose and set out from Shittim with all the Israelites, and they came to the Jordan. They camped there before crossing over. ²At the end of three days the officers went through the camp ³and commanded the people, 'When you see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God being carried by the levitical priests, then you shall set out from your place. Follow it, ⁴so that you may know the way you should go, for you have not passed this way before. Yet there shall be a space between you and it, a distance of about two thousand cubits; do not come any nearer to it.' ⁵Then Joshua said to the people, 'Sanctify yourselves; for tomorrow the LORD will do wonders among you.' ⁶To the priests Joshua said, 'Take up the ark of the covenant, and pass on in front of the people.' So they took up the ark of the covenant and went in front of the people. ⁷The LORD said to Joshua, 'This day I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel, so that they may know that I will be with you as I was with Moses. ⁸You are the one who shall command the priests who bear the ark of the covenant, "When you come to the edge of the waters of the Jordan, you shall stand still in the Jordan."' ¹⁴When the people set out from their tents to cross over the Jordan, the priests bearing the ark of the covenant were in front of the people. ¹⁵Now the Jordan overflows all its banks throughout the time of harvest. So when those who bore the ark had come to the Jordan, and the feet of the priests bearing the ark were dipped in the edge of the water, ¹⁶the waters flowing from above stood still, rising up in a single heap far off at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan, while those flowing towards the sea of the Arabah, the Dead Sea, were wholly cut off. Then the people crossed over opposite Jericho. ¹⁷While all Israel were crossing over on dry ground, the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan, until the entire nation finished crossing over the Jordan.

Second Reading

Hebrews 1.1-12

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. ⁵For to which of the angels did God ever say,
 'You are my Son;
 today I have begotten you'?
Or again,
 'I will be his Father,
 and he will be my Son'? ⁶And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says,
 'Let all God's angels worship him.' ⁷Of the angels he says,
 'He makes his angels winds,
 and his servants flames of fire.'

⁸But of the Son he says,
 ‘Your throne, O God, is for ever and ever,
 and the righteous sceptre is the sceptre of your kingdom.
⁹You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness;
therefore God, your God, has anointed you
 with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.’
¹⁰And,
 ‘In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth,
 and the heavens are the work of your hands;
¹¹they will perish, but you remain;
 they will all wear out like clothing;
¹²like a cloak you will roll them up,
 and like clothing they will be changed.
But you are the same,
 and your years will never end.’

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

Next week:

Second Sunday Of Epiphany	18 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	19 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Tuesday	20 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		9.30am	Holy Communion	Christ the King
		10am	Drop In	Christ the King
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Wednesday	21 st	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Thursday	22 nd	8am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		10am	Drop in	St. Michael's
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Friday	23 rd		No services	
Saturday	24 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
The Conversion Of St. Paul	25 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