

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

Sunday 1st February Candlemas Services this week

The Presentation Of Christ (Candlemas)	1 st	8am 9am 10.30am 6pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion Seeker Service Cluster Service	St. Michael's St. Michael's St. Michael's Pelsall
Monday	2 nd	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
Tuesday	3 rd	8am 6pm	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	Zoom Zoom
Wednesday	4 th	8am 12noon 6pm	Morning Prayer Funeral Evening Prayer	Zoom St. Michael's Zoom
Thursday	5 th	9.30am 10am 6pm 7.30pm	Holy Communion Drop In Evening Prayer PCC	St. Michael's St. Michael's Zoom St. Michael's
Friday	6 th	12noon	Funeral	Streetly
Saturday	7 th		No services	
Second Sunday Before Lent	8 th	8am 9am 10.30am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion Holy Communion Evening Prayer	St. Michael's St. Michael's St. Michael's 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.

Candlemas is the turning point as Christmas is left behind and we turn to face the cross and the season of Lent that will start soon.

Readings for Holy Communion – 1st February

The Collect

Almighty and ever-living God,
clothed in majesty,
whose beloved Son
was this day presented in the Temple,
in substance of our flesh:
grant that we may be presented to you
with pure and clean hearts,
by your Son Jesus Christ 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 *Hebrews 2.14-18*

¹⁴Since the children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. ¹⁶For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. ¹⁷Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

This child is the light to enlighten the nations,
and the glory of your people Israel

Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 2.22-40

²²When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. ²³(as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), ²⁴and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, ²⁸Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

²⁹'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;

³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation,

³¹which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel.'

³³And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

³⁶There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

Prayer of preparation

Father, in Christ there has sprung up
a light for the righteous;
accept the offering of your Church
and grant that Christ may shine in us
to the praise and glory of your name.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and
Anna,
who lived to welcome the Messiah:
may we, who have received these gifts
beyond words,
prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he
comes to bring us to eternal life;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for
ever. **Amen.**

Coming up soon:

Second Sunday Before Lent	8 th	8am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		9am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		10.30am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		6.30pm	Evening Prayer	St. Michael's
Monday	9 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Tuesday	10 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Wednesday	11 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Thursday	12 th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		10am	Drop In	St. Michael's
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Friday	13 th	11.15am	Funeral	St. Michael's
Saturday	14 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Sunday next Before Lent	15 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.