

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

Sunday 25th January is the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul
Services this week

		25 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.
Conversion Of St. Paul						
Monday	26 th	8am 6pm		Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	Zoom Zoom	
Tuesday	27 th	8am 11.15am 6pm		Morning Prayer Funeral Evening Prayer	Zoom Streetly Crematorium Zoom	
Wednesday	28 th	8am 6pm		Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	Zoom Zoom	
Thursday	29 th	9.30am 10am 11.15am 6pm		Holy Communion Drop In Funeral Evening Prayer	St. Michael's St. Michael's Streetly Crematorium 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.
Friday	30 th			No services		
Saturday	31 st	8am 6pm		Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	Zoom Zoom	
Candlemas	1 st	8am 9am 10.30am 6pm		Holy Communion Holy Communion Holy Communion Cluster Service	St. Michael's Christ the King St. Michael's Pelsall	

As we finish the week of prayer for Christian Unity we celebrate the Conversion of St. Paul who brought Christianity to the gentiles whilst remaining true to his Jewish heritage.

Readings for Holy Communion – 25th January

The Collect

Almighty God,
who caused the light of the gospel
to shine throughout the world
through the preaching of your servant Saint Paul:
grant that we who celebrate his wonderful conversion
may follow him in bearing witness to your truth;
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 *Jeremiah 1.4-10*

⁴Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,
 ⁵“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
 and before you were born I consecrated you;
 I appointed you a prophet to the nations.’
‘Then I said, ‘Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.’ ⁷But the LORD said to me,
 ‘Do not say, “I am only a boy”;
 for you shall go to all to whom I send you,
 and you shall speak whatever I command you.
 ⁸Do not be afraid of them,
 for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD.’
⁹Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me,
 ‘Now I have put my words in your mouth.
 ¹⁰See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms.’

Psalm 67

R: Let the Peoples praise you, O God, let all the peoples praise you

1 God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
2 That your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.
3 Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you. **R**
4 O let the nations rejoice and be glad,
for you will judge the peoples righteously
 and govern the nations upon earth.
5 Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you. **R**

6 Then shall the earth bring forth her increase,
and God, our own God, will bless us.

7 God will bless us,
and all the ends of the earth shall fear him. **R**

Second Reading

Acts 9.1-22

¹Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.

³Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, ‘Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?’ ⁵He asked, ‘Who are you, Lord?’ The reply came, ‘I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.’ ⁷The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. ⁸Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, ‘Ananias.’ He answered, ‘Here I am, Lord.’ ¹¹The Lord said to him, ‘Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, ¹²and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.’ ¹³But Ananias answered, ‘Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; ¹⁴and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.’ ¹⁵But the Lord said to him, ‘Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; ¹⁶I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.’ ¹⁷So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, ‘Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.’ ¹⁸And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, ¹⁹and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, ²⁰and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, ‘He is the Son of God.’ ²¹All who heard him were amazed and said, ‘Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem among those who invoked this name? And has he not come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?’ ²²Saul became increasingly more powerful and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Messiah.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.

Alleluia.

Gospel *Matthew 19.27-30*

²⁷Peter said to Jesus: ‘Look, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?’ ²⁸Jesus said to them, ‘Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man is seated on the throne of his glory, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. ²⁹And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields, for my name’s sake, will receive a hundredfold, and will inherit eternal life. ³⁰But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.’

Prayer of preparation

Almighty Father,
as we celebrate this holy sacrament of
our redemption
may your Spirit fill us with the light of
faith;
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God,
who on the day of Pentecost
sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles
with the wind from heaven and in tongues of
flame,
filling them with joy and boldness to preach
the gospel:
by the power of the same Spirit
strengthen us to witness to your truth
and to draw everyone to the fire of your
love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readings for Evensong

Psalm 119: 41-48

R: Lead me, Lord, in the path of your commandments

41 Let your faithful love come unto me, O Lord,
even your salvation, according to your promise.

42 Then shall I answer those who taunt me,
for my trust is in your word.

43 O take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth,
for my hope is in your judgements.

44 So shall I always keep your law;
I shall keep it for ever and ever. **R**

45 I will walk at liberty,
because I study your commandments.

46 I will tell of your testimonies, even before kings,
and will not be ashamed.

47 My delight shall be in your commandments,
which I have greatly loved.

48 My hands will I lift up to your commandments,
which I love,
and I will meditate on your statutes. **R**

First Reading *Ecclesiasticus 39.1-10*

¹He seeks out the wisdom of all the ancients,
and is concerned with prophecies;

²he preserves the sayings of the famous
and penetrates the subtleties of parables;

³he seeks out the hidden meanings of proverbs
and is at home with the obscurities of parables.

⁴He serves among the great
and appears before rulers;
he travels in foreign lands
and learns what is good and evil in the human lot.

⁵He sets his heart on rising early
to seek the Lord who made him,
and to petition the Most High;

he opens his mouth in prayer
and asks pardon for his sins.

⁶If the great Lord is willing,
he will be filled with the spirit of understanding;
he will pour forth words of wisdom of his own
and give thanks to the Lord in prayer.

⁷The Lord will direct his counsel and knowledge,
as he meditates on his mysteries.

⁸He will show the wisdom of what he has learned,
and will glory in the law of the Lord's covenant.

⁹Many will praise his understanding;
it will never be blotted out.

His memory will not disappear,
and his name will live through all generations.

¹⁰Nations will speak of his wisdom,
and the congregation will proclaim his praise.

Second Reading *Colossians 1.24 - 2.7*

²⁴I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. ²⁵I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. ²⁷To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ. ²⁹For this I toil and struggle with all the energy that he powerfully inspires within me.

¹For I want you to know how much I am struggling for you, and for those in Laodicea, and for all who have not seen me face to face. ²I want their hearts to be encouraged and united in love, so that they may have all the riches of assured understanding and have the knowledge of God's mystery, that is, Christ himself, ³in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. ⁴I am saying this so that no one may deceive you with plausible arguments. ⁵For though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, and I rejoice to see your morale and the firmness of your faith in Christ.

⁶As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

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:

Candlemas	1 st	8am 9am 10.30am 6pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion Holy Communion Cluster Service	St. Michael's St. Michael's St. Michael's Pelsall
Monday	2 nd	8am 6pm	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	Zoom 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	8am 9.30am 10am 6pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion Drop in Evening Prayer	St. Michael's St. Michael's St. Michael's Zoom
Friday	6 th	12noon	Funeral	Streetly Crematorium
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

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