

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

Sunday 1st March – The Second Sunday of Lent Services this week

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.

The Second Sunday of Lent	1 st	8am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		9am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		10.30am	Seeker Service	St. Michael's
		6.30pm	BCP Evening Prayer	St. Michael's
Monday	2 nd	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
		7.15pm	Lent Discussion	Zoom
Tuesday	3 rd	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Wednesday	4 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		3pm	Lent Discussion	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
		7pm	Pilgrim Course	St. Michael's
Thursday	5 th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		10am	Drop In	St. Michael's
Friday	6 th		No services	
Saturday	7 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
		7pm	Skittles Night	St. Michael's
Third Sunday of Lent	8 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

Today is the Second Sunday of Lent and we are reminded that we don't "earn" God's love, but it is given as gift of grace to those who believe in him.

Readings for Holy Communion – 1st March

The Collect

Almighty God,
you show to those who are in error the light
of your truth,
that they may return to the way of
righteousness:
grant to all those who are admitted
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,
that they may reject those things
that are contrary to their profession,
and follow all such things as are agreeable to
the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

First Reading *Romans 4.1-5,13-17*

¹What are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' ⁴Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

¹³For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. ¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations'). Abraham believed in the presence of the God who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.
The Lord is a great God, O that today you would listen to
his voice.
Harden not your hearts.
Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Gospel

John 3.1-17

¹There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' ³Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' ⁴Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' ⁵Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' ⁹Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' ¹⁰Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'

Prayer of preparation

God of our journey,
as we walk with you on your path of
obedience,
sustain us on our way and lead us to
your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God,
you see that we have no power of
ourselves to help ourselves:
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,
and inwardly in our souls;
that we may be defended from all
adversities
which may happen to the body,
and from all evil thoughts which may
assault and hurt the soul;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Readings for Evensong

Psalm 135: 1-14

1 O praise the Lord, laud ye the Name of the Lord : praise it, O ye servants of the Lord;

2 Ye that stand in the house of the Lord : in the courts of the house of our God.

3 O praise the Lord, for the Lord is gracious : O sing praises unto his Name, for it is lovely.

4 For why? the Lord hath chosen Jacob unto himself : and Israel for his own possession.

5 For I know that the Lord is great : and that our Lord is above all gods.

6 Whatsoever the Lord pleased, that did he in heaven and in earth : and in the sea, and in all deep places.

7 He bringeth forth the clouds from the ends of the world : and sendeth forth lightnings with the rain, bringing the winds out of his treasures.

8 He smote the first-born of Egypt : both of man and beast.

9 He hath sent tokens and wonders into the midst of thee, O thou land of Egypt : upon Pharaoh, and all his servants.

10 He smote divers nations : and slew mighty kings;

11 Sehon king of the Amorites, and Og the king of Basan : and all the kingdoms of Canaan;

12 And gave their land to be an heritage : even an heritage unto Israel his people.

13 Thy Name, O Lord, endureth for ever : so doth thy memorial, O Lord, from one generation to another.

14 For the Lord will avenge his people : and be gracious unto his servants.

First Reading

Numbers 21.4-9

⁴The Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. ⁵The people spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.' ⁶Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. ⁷The people came to Moses and said, 'We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us.' So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, 'Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.' ⁹So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Second Reading*Luke 14.27-33*

²⁷Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." ³¹Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.'

Lent discussions on Zoom
Mondays at 7.15pm and the same session
on Wednesdays at 3pm



Each week
using a
painting by
Caravaggio
as a starting
point
we
discuss
various
topics
and their



relationship to our faith and worship.

Email Colin for the link.



Carbon Fast
for Lent



Climate Stewards



JOIN THE CLIMATE STEWARDS CARBON FAST 2026!

40 DAYS OF CLIMATE ACTION CHALLENGES

WANT TO TAKE PRACTICAL ACTION THIS LENT TO CARE FOR CREATION AND REDUCE YOUR CARBON FOOTPRINT?

WHAT IS A CARBON FAST?

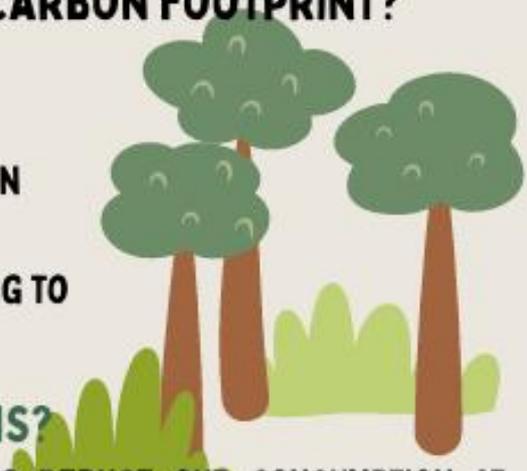
GIVING UP UNSUSTAINABLE CONSUMPTION PRACTICES TO REDUCE OUR CARBON FOOTPRINT—AND IN DOING SO, LEARNING TO LIVE LIGHTLY ON GOD’S EARTH.

SCAN QR CODE TO JOIN



WHY DO THIS?

BY STARTING TO REDUCE OUR CONSUMPTION AT LENT, AND CONTINUING WITH THOUGHTFUL LIVING THROUGH THE YEAR, WE ARE CARING FOR CREATION, A RESPONSIBILITY ENTRUSTED TO US BY GOD.



FAST TO HELP PEOPLE AND PLANET TO FLOURISH

WEEKLY THEMES:

- WEEK 1: CREATION CARE
- WEEK 2: CONSUMERISM / SHOPPING
- WEEK 3: MONEY / INVESTMENTS
- WEEK 4: FOOD WASTE / MEAT & DAIRY
- WEEK 5: TRANSPORT / DRIVING
- WEEK 6: ENERGY / ELECTRICITY / GAS
- WEEK 7: SOCIAL MEDIA

WHAT IS INVOLVED?

- 7 TOPICS WITH 3 CHALLENGE LEVELS
- WEEKLY REFLECTION ON CREATION CARE
- SHARE YOUR PROGRESS WITH US - EMAIL AND SOCIAL MEDIA

TO JOIN - SIGN UP VIA QR CODE FOR WEEKLY EMAIL AND TIPS!

Coming up soon:

Third Sunday of Lent	8 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	9 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Tuesday	10 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		9.30am	Holy Communion	Christ the King
		10am	Drop In	Christ the King
		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		No services	
Saturday	14 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Fourth Sunday of 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

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