

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

## Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March – The Third Sunday of Lent Services this week

The Third Sunday of Lent	8 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup>	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
Tuesday	10 <sup>th</sup>	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Wednesday	11 <sup>th</sup>	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		3pm	Lent Discussion	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
		7pm	Pilgrim Course	St. Michael's
Thursday	12 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		10am	Drop In	St. Michael's
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Friday	13 <sup>th</sup>	11am	Funeral	Streetly Crem.
Saturday	14 <sup>th</sup>	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Fourth Sunday of Lent (Mothering)	15 <sup>th</sup>	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

## 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.

We continue the pilgrimage of Lent.

## Readings for Holy Communion – 8<sup>th</sup> March

### The Collect

Almighty God,  
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but  
first he suffered pain,  
and entered not into glory before he was  
crucified:  
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of  
the cross,  
may find it none other than the way of life and  
peace;  
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 *Exodus 17.1-7*

<sup>1</sup>From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup>The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?' <sup>3</sup>But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' <sup>4</sup>So Moses cried out to the LORD, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' <sup>5</sup>The LORD said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup>I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup>He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the LORD, saying, 'Is the LORD among us or not?'

### Psalm 95

**Refrain: O come let us worship and bow down and kneel before our maker.**

- 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord;  
let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving  
and be glad in him with psalms. **R**
- 3 For the Lord is a great God  
and a great king above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the depths of the earth  
and the heights of the mountains are his also.

5 The sea is his, for he made it,  
and his hands have moulded the dry land. **R**  
6 Come, let us worship and bow down  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
7 For he is our God;  
we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. **R**  
8 O that today you would listen to his voice:  
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
on that day at Massah in the wilderness,  
9 'When your forebears tested me, and put me to the proof,  
though they had seen my works. **R**  
10 'Forty years long I detested that generation and said,  
"This people are wayward in their hearts;  
they do not know my ways."  
11 'So I swore in my wrath,  
"They shall not enter into my rest." **R**

**Second Reading**      *Romans 5.1-11*

<sup>1</sup>Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

<sup>7</sup>Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup>For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup>But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

**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 4.5-42*

<sup>5</sup>Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup>Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

<sup>7</sup>A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.'

<sup>8</sup>(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup>The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink," you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' <sup>11</sup>The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?' <sup>12</sup>Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' <sup>13</sup>Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup>but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' <sup>15</sup>The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.' <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' <sup>17</sup>The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; <sup>18</sup>for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' <sup>19</sup>The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup>Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup>You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup>But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. <sup>24</sup>God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' <sup>25</sup>The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' <sup>26</sup>Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.'

<sup>27</sup>Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' <sup>28</sup>Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, <sup>29</sup>'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' <sup>30</sup>They left the city and were on their way to him. <sup>31</sup>Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' <sup>32</sup>But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' <sup>33</sup>So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' <sup>34</sup>Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work.'

<sup>35</sup>Do you not say, “Four months more, then comes the harvest”? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. <sup>36</sup>The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. <sup>37</sup>For here the saying holds true, “One sows and another reaps.” <sup>38</sup>I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.’

<sup>39</sup>Many Samaritans from that city believed in Jesus because of the woman’s testimony, ‘He told me everything I have ever done.’ <sup>40</sup>So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. <sup>41</sup>And many more believed because of his word. <sup>42</sup>They said to the woman, ‘It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.’

### **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**

Merciful Lord,  
grant your people grace to withstand the  
temptations  
of the world, the flesh and the devil,  
and with pure hearts and minds to follow  
you, the only God;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Readings for Evening Prayer**

#### **Psalm 40**

**Refrain: Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God.**

1 I waited patiently for the Lord;  
he inclined to me and heard my cry.

2 He brought me out of the roaring pit,  
out of the mire and clay;

he set my feet upon a rock and made my footing sure. **R**

3 He has put a new song in my mouth,  
a song of praise to our God;  
many shall see and fear

and put their trust in the Lord.

4 Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord,  
who does not turn to the proud that follow a lie. **R**

5 Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God.  
How great your designs for us!

There is none that can be compared with you.

6 If I were to proclaim them and tell of them  
they would be more than I am able to express. **R**

7 Sacrifice and offering you do not desire  
but my ears you have opened;

8 Burnt offering and sacrifice for sin you have not required,  
then said I: 'Lo, I come. **R**

9 'In the scroll of the book it is written of me  
that I should do your will, O my God;  
I delight to do it: your law is within my heart.'

10 I have declared your righteousness in the great congregation;  
behold, I did not restrain my lips;  
and that, O Lord, you know. **R**

11 Your righteousness I have not hidden in my heart;  
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;  
I have not concealed your loving-kindness and truth  
from the great congregation.

12 Do not withhold your compassion from me, O Lord;  
let your love and your faithfulness always preserve me, **R**

13 For innumerable troubles have come about me;  
my sins have overtaken me so that I cannot look up;  
they are more in number than the hairs of my head,  
and my heart fails me.

14 Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me;  
O Lord, make haste to help me. **R**

15 Let them be ashamed and altogether dismayed  
who seek after my life to destroy it;  
let them be driven back and put to shame  
who wish me evil.

16 Let those who heap insults upon me  
be desolate because of their shame. **R**

17 Let all who seek you rejoice in you and be glad;  
let those who love your salvation say always,  
'The Lord is great.'

18 Though I am poor and needy,  
the Lord cares for me.

19 You are my helper and my deliverer;  
O my God, make no delay. **R**

**First Reading**                      *Joshua 1.1-9*

<sup>1</sup>After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD spoke to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' assistant, saying, <sup>2</sup>'My servant Moses is dead. Now proceed to cross the Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the Israelites. <sup>3</sup>Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, as I promised to Moses. <sup>4</sup>From the wilderness and the Lebanon as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, to the Great Sea in the west shall be your territory. <sup>5</sup>No one shall be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you. <sup>6</sup>Be strong and courageous; for you shall put this people in possession of the land that I swore to their ancestors to give them. <sup>7</sup>Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to act in accordance with all the law that my servant Moses commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, so that you may be successful wherever you go. <sup>8</sup>This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to act in accordance with all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall be successful. <sup>9</sup>I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.'

**Second Reading**                      *Ephesians 6.10-20*

<sup>10</sup>Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. <sup>11</sup>Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <sup>12</sup>For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup>Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup>Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. <sup>15</sup>As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup>With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup>Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. <sup>18</sup>Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. <sup>19</sup>Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup>for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

## Coming up soon:

Fourth Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday)	15 <sup>th</sup>	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	16 <sup>th</sup>	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
		7.15pm	Lent Discussion	Zoom
Tuesday	17 <sup>th</sup>	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Wednesday	18 <sup>th</sup>	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		12.30pm	Clergy Chapter	Pleck
		3pm	Lent Discussion	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
		7pm	Pilgrim Course	
Thursday	19 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		10am	Drop In	St. Michael's
		2pm	Ministry Team Meet	Vicarage
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Friday	20 <sup>th</sup>		No services	
Saturday	21 <sup>st</sup>	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Fifth Sunday of Lent	22 <sup>nd</sup>	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

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