

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

Sunday 19th April – Third Sunday of Easter Services this week

Third Sunday of Easter	19 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	20 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
Tuesday	21 st	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Wednesday	22 nd	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Thursday <i>St. George c.304</i>	23 rd	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		10am	Drop In	St. Michael's
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Friday	24 th		No services	
Saturday <i>Mark, Evangelist</i>	25 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Fourth Sunday Of Easter	26 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

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 season of Easter and reflect upon the wonder of the resurrection.

Readings for Holy Communion – 19th April

The Collect

Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened the
disciples
 with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with
us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained by
his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness and
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 *Acts 2.14a,36-41*

On the day of Pentecost, ¹⁴Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, ³⁶‘Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.’

³⁷Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, ‘Brothers, what should we do?’ ³⁸Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.’

⁴⁰And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, ‘Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.’ ⁴¹So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added to their number.

Psalm 116.1-8

R: I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living

1 I love the Lord,
for he has heard the voice of my supplication;
because he inclined his ear to me
on the day I called to him.

2 The snares of death encompassed me;
the pains of hell took hold of me;
by grief and sorrow was I held. **R**

3 Then I called upon the name of the Lord:
'O Lord, I beg you, deliver my soul.'

4 Gracious is the Lord and righteous;
our God is full of compassion. **R**

5 The Lord watches over the simple;
I was brought very low and he saved me.

6 Turn again to your rest, O my soul,
for the Lord has been gracious to you. **R**

7 For you have delivered my soul from death,
my eyes from tears and my feet from falling.

8 I will walk before the Lord
in the land of the living. **R**

Second Reading *1 Peter 1.17-23*

¹⁷If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

²²Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. ²³You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one;
I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 24.13-35

¹³On that same day, two of the disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' ¹⁹Jesus asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see Jesus.' ²⁵Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. ²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized Jesus; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Prayer of preparation

Risen Lord Jesus Christ,
we believe you, and all we have heard
is true.
When you break bread
may we recognize you as the fire that
burns within us,
that we may bring light to your world.
Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

Living God,
your Son made himself known to his
disciples
in the breaking of bread:
open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in all his redeeming
work;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
Amen.

Readings for Evening Prayer

Psalm 48

R: Great is the Lord and highly to be praised

1 Great is the Lord and highly to be praised,
in the city of our God.

2 His holy mountain is fair and lifted high,
the joy of all the earth. **R**

3 On Mount Zion, the divine dwelling place,
stands the city of the great king.

4 In her palaces God has shown himself
to be a sure refuge. **R**

5 For behold, the kings of the earth assembled
and swept forward together.

6 They saw, and were dumbfounded;
dismayed, they fled in terror. **R**

7 Trembling seized them there;
they writhed like a woman in labour,
as when the east wind shatters the ships of Tarshish.

8 As we had heard, so have we seen
in the city of the Lord of hosts, the city of our God:
God has established her for ever. **R**

9 We have waited on your loving-kindness, O God,
in the midst of your temple.

10 As with your name, O God,
so your praise reaches to the ends of the earth;
your right hand is full of justice. **R**

11 Let Mount Zion rejoice and the daughters of Judah be glad,
because of your judgements, O Lord.

12 Walk about Zion and go round about her;
count all her towers;
consider well her bulwarks; pass through her citadels,

13 That you may tell those who come after
that such is our God for ever and ever.

It is he that shall be our guide for evermore. **R**

First Reading*Haggai 1.13-2.9*

¹³Haggai, the messenger of the LORD, spoke to the people with the LORD's message, saying, I am with you, says the LORD. ¹⁴And the LORD stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people; and they came and worked on the house of the LORD of hosts, their God, ¹⁵on the twenty-fourth day of the month, in the sixth month.

¹In the second year of King Darius, ¹in the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the LORD came by the prophet Haggai, saying: ²Speak now to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, and say, ³Who is left among you that saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Is it not in your sight as nothing? ⁴Yet now take courage, O Zerubbabel, says the LORD; take courage, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; take courage, all you people of the land, says the LORD; work, for I am with you, says the LORD of hosts, ⁵according to the promise that I made you when you came out of Egypt. My spirit abides among you; do not fear. ⁶For thus says the LORD of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land; ⁷and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations shall come, and I will fill this house with splendour, says the LORD of hosts. ⁸The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the LORD of hosts. ⁹The latter splendour of this house shall be greater than the former, says the LORD of hosts; and in this place I will give prosperity, says the LORD of hosts.

Second Reading*1 Corinthians 3.10-17*

¹⁰According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. ¹¹For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ. ¹²Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw – ¹³the work of each builder will become visible, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each has done. ¹⁴If what has been built on the foundation survives, the builder will receive a reward. ¹⁵If the work is burned, the builder will suffer loss; the builder will be saved, but only as through fire.

¹⁶Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? ¹⁷If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

**St Michael's Church Hall
Line Dancing Evening
Sat 25th April at 7pm
Bring and Share, Lots of Fun. Come along!!**

£3 entry – no experience needed.

Sign up at back of church

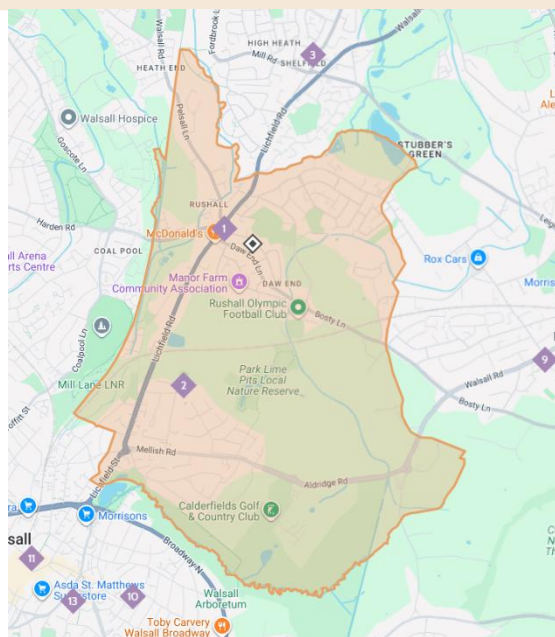
Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Our annual meeting takes place on Sunday 17th May after the 10.30am service.

Formal notices will be going up soon and we shall be looking for 2 churchwardens, 3 deanery synod representatives and (depending upon the number on the church electoral roll) either 9 or 12 elected members.

Please pray for those who have undertaken these roles over the last 12 months and for those who may feel themselves called to serve in the next 12 months.

Those appointed will be concerned with the needs of the church; our buildings at St. Michael's and Christ the King, our congregations on Sunday at 8am, 9am, 10.30am and 6.30pm and the Tuesday and Thursday congregations, those who join us online and also the parish itself and those who live within it as seen in the map below.



Coming up soon:

Fourth Sunday Of Easter	26 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	27 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Tuesday	28 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Wednesday	29 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Thursday	30 th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		10am	Drop In	St. Michael's
Friday <i>Philip and James</i>	1 st		No services	
Saturday	2 nd	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Fifth Sunday Of Easter	3 rd	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

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