

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

Sunday 5th April – Easter Day Services this week

EASTER DAY	5th	7am	Sunrise Mass	St. Michael's
		9am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		10.30am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		6.30pm	BCP Evening Prayer	St. Michael's
Monday	6th		No services	
Tuesday	7th		No services	
Wednesday	8th		No services	
Thursday	9th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		10am	Drop In	St. Michael's
Friday	10th		No services	
Saturday	11th		No services	
The Second Sunday of Easter	12th	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

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.

Easter day dawns as Alleluias are sung, candles are lit and flowers decorate the church once more.

Readings for Holy Communion (9 and 10.30am) – 5th April

The Collect

Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection of your
Son
overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might,
now and in all eternity. **Amen**

First Reading *Acts 10.34-43*

³⁴Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius. 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Psalm 118: 15-25

R: O give thanks to the Lord for he is good

15 Joyful shouts of salvation

sound from the tents of the righteous:

16 'The right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds;

the right hand of the Lord raises up;

the right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds.' **R**

17 I shall not die, but live

and declare the works of the Lord.

18 The Lord has punished me sorely,

but he has not given me over to death. **R**

19 Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.

20 This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it. **R**

21 I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

22 The stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone. **R**

23 This is the Lord's doing,
and it is marvellous in our eyes.

24 This is the day that the Lord has made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

25 Come, O Lord, and save us we pray.
Come, Lord, send us now prosperity. **R**

Second Reading *Colossians 3.1-4*

¹If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

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 *John 20.1-18*

¹Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' ¹⁶Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' which means Teacher. ¹⁷Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Prayer of preparation

Creator of all,
you wash away our sins,
you give us new birth by the Spirit,
and redeem us in the blood of Christ.
As we celebrate the resurrection,
renew your gift of life within us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus
Christ the risen Lord. **Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

God of Life,
who for our redemption gave your only-
begotten Son
to the death of the cross,
and by his glorious resurrection
have delivered us from the power of our
enemy:
grant us so to die daily to sin,
that we may evermore live with him in the
joy of his risen life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Readings for Evening Prayer

Psalm 114

R: Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord

1 When Israel came out of Egypt,
the house of Jacob from a people of a strange tongue,

2 Judah became his sanctuary,
Israel his dominion. **R**

3 The sea saw that, and fled;
Jordan was driven back.

4 The mountains skipped like rams,
the little hills like young sheep. **R**

5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled?
O Jordan, that you were driven back?

6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams,
you little hills like young sheep? **R**

7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord,
at the presence of the God of Jacob,

8 Who turns the hard rock into a pool of water,
the flint-stone into a springing well. **R**

First Reading

Song of Solomon 3.2-5; 8.6-7

²I will rise now and go about the city,
in the streets and in the squares;
I will seek him whom my soul loves.
I sought him, but found him not.

³The sentinels found me,
as they went about in the city.

‘Have you seen him whom my soul loves?’

⁴Scarcely had I passed them,
when I found him whom my soul loves.

I held him, and would not let him go
until I brought him into my mother’s house,
and into the chamber of her that conceived me.

⁵I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem,
by the gazelles or the wild does:
do not stir up or awaken love
until it is ready!

⁶Set me as a seal upon your heart,
as a seal upon your arm;
for love is strong as death,
passion fierce as the grave.
Its flashes are flashes of fire,
a raging flame.
⁷Many waters cannot quench love,
neither can floods drown it.
If one offered for love
all the wealth of one's house,
it would be utterly scorned.

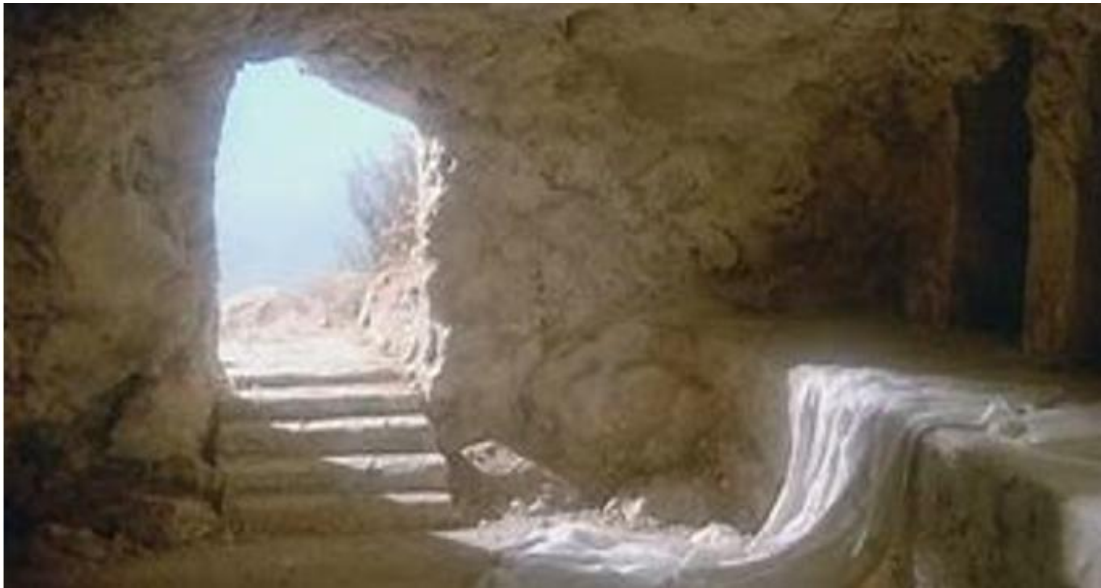
Second Reading *John 20.11-18*

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Line dancing Night

Saturday 25th April at 7pm.

£3 entry with bring and share refreshments.



Coming up soon:

Second Sunday of Easter	12 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	13 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
		7pm	Guild of Servants Of the Sanctuary	St. Michael's
Tuesday	14 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Wednesday	15 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Thursday	16 th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		10am	Drop In	St. Michael's
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Friday	17 th		No services	
Saturday	18 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
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

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