

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

Sunday 17th May – Seventh Sunday of Easter Services this week

Seventh Sunday of Easter	17 th	8am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		9am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		10.30am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		12 noon	ANNUAL MEETING	St. Michael's
		6.30pm	Evening Prayer	St. Michael's
Monday	18 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
Tuesday	19 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Wednesday	20 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		12.30pm	Clergy chapter	St. Gabriel's
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Thursday	21 st	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		10am	Drop In	St. Michael's
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
		7.30pm	Deanery Synod	Walsall Wood
Friday	22 nd		No services	
Saturday	23 rd	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		3pm	Licensing of Jenny	St. Mark's
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Sunday Pentecost	24 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.

Ascension Day (14th May) began nine days of prayer for the coming of the Holy Spirit in the life of the church as we head towards the feast of Pentecost.

Readings for Holy Communion – 17th May

The Collect

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour
Christ is gone before,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

First Reading *Acts 1.6-14*

⁶When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, ‘Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?’ ⁷He replied, ‘It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’ ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, ‘Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.’

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Psalm 68.1-10

R: Our God is a God of salvation

1 Let God arise and let his enemies be scattered;
let those that hate him flee before him.

2 As the smoke vanishes, so may they vanish away;
as wax melts at the fire,

so let the wicked perish at the presence of God. **R**

3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;
let them make merry with gladness.

4 Sing to God, sing praises to his name;
exalt him who rides on the clouds.

The Lord is his name; rejoice before him. **R**

5 Father of the fatherless, defender of widows,
God in his holy habitation!

6 God gives the solitary a home
and brings forth prisoners to songs of welcome,
but the rebellious inhabit a burning desert. **R**

7 O God, when you went forth before your people,
when you marched through the wilderness,

8 The earth shook and the heavens dropped down rain,
at the presence of God, the Lord of Sinai,

at the presence of God, the God of Israel. **R**

9 You sent down a gracious rain, O God;
you refreshed your inheritance when it was weary.

10 Your people came to dwell there;
in your goodness, O God, you provide for the poor. **R**

Second Reading *1 Peter 4.12-14; 5.6-11*

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

⁶Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you.

⁸Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia.

Gospel

John 17.1-11

¹Jesus looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.'

Prayer of preparation

Father, by your Holy Spirit you keep the Church in unity and truth.

As we break bread together, may we be one with Christ in faith and hope and love, now and for ever.

Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world

to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Readings for Evening Prayer

Psalm 47

R: Sing praises to God, sing praises to God, the King of all the earth.

1 Clap your hands together, all you peoples;

O sing to God with shouts of joy.

2 For the Lord Most High is to be feared;

he is the great King over all the earth. **R**

3 He subdued the peoples under us
and the nations under our feet.

4 He has chosen our heritage for us,
the pride of Jacob, whom he loves. **R**

5 God has gone up with a merry noise,
the Lord with the sound of the trumpet.

6 O sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our King, sing praises. **R**

7 For God is the King of all the earth;
sing praises with all your skill.

8 God reigns over the nations;
God has taken his seat upon his holy throne. **R**

9 The nobles of the peoples are gathered together
with the people of the God of Abraham.

10 For the powers of the earth belong to God
and he is very highly exalted. **R**

First Reading *2 Samuel 23.1-5*

¹Now these are the last words of David:

The oracle of David, son of Jesse,
the oracle of the man whom God exalted,
the anointed of the God of Jacob,
the favourite of the Strong One of Israel:

²The spirit of the LORD speaks through me,
his word is upon my tongue.

³The God of Israel has spoken,
the Rock of Israel has said to me:

One who rules over people justly,
ruling in the fear of God,

⁴is like the light of morning,
like the sun rising on a cloudless morning,
gleaming from the rain on the grassy land.

⁵Is not my house like this with God?

For he has made with me an everlasting covenant,
ordered in all things and secure.

Will he not cause to prosper
all my help and my desire?

Second Reading Ephesians 1.15-23

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.



WALSALL DEANERY SYNOD

Meeting to be held on
Thursday 21st May 2026 7.30pm
St John's Church Walsall Wood

The role of the Deanery is to bring together the views of the parishes in the Deanery on common problems, to discuss and formulate policies on those problems, to foster a sense of community and interdependence amongst those parishes, and generally to promote in the Deanery the whole mission of the church - pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical

Members of Church congregations who are not Synod Representatives are always welcome to attend meetings, the only proviso being that they cannot vote (but that only happens occasionally). Please encourage individuals to come along. Synod Representatives should report back to their PCC/DCC's on each Synod Meeting

AGENDA

We will begin the synod with a short time of opening Worship

Part I

BUSINESS MEETING led by the Rural Dean & Lay Chair

- 1.0 Apologies
- 2.0 Minutes of last meeting All
- 3.0 Matters arising from Minutes not included on the Agenda All
- 4.0 Notification of any other business
(Items should be advised to the Rural Dean prior to the meeting)
- 5.0 Financial update Treasurer
- 6.0 Updates Rural Dean
 - Parish updates including vacancies.
 - St Mark's Sheffield – the Rev'd Jenny Mayo appointed
 - St Martin's Sheffield – newly vacant
 - St Margaret's Great Barr – Canon Ben Whitmore appointed interim
 - St Andrew's Birchills
- 7.0 Deanery Lay ministers Chapter Lay Chapter Convenor
- 8.0 Update from Diocesan Synod Diocesan Synod Reps.
- 9.0 Deanery Synod elections
- 10.0 Any other business All

Coffee break

Part II
Sharing evangelistic good practice

Prior to the meeting, please let the Rural Dean know if you would like to share with the Synod a project, or tool that you are using successfully evangelistically – sharing our faith with others. We are hoping for 6 or so presentations.

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Come along with dates and brief details of any outreach and community events planned by your church. These will be circulated on our Deanery Mission Calander to support one another in prayer.

Deanery Mission grants: We shall spend some time thinking of how we might fund raise and develop the fund for future grants supporting mission and outreach.

Proposed dates for Deanery and Synods 2026

Archdeacon's Visitations will take place on the following dates;

- **Monday 29th June** 6pm onwards for registration. Service begins 7.30pm. Lichfield Cathedral, The Close, Lichfield, WS13 7LD
- **Thursday 2nd July** 6.30pm onwards for registration. Service begins at 7.30pm. St Francis' Church, Friar Park, Freeman Road, WS10 0HJ
- **Tuesday 7th July** 6.30pm onwards for registration. Service begins at 7.30pm. St Paul's Church, Emsworth Crescent, Pendeford, WV9 5LS
- **Thursday 9th July** 6.30pm onwards for registration. Service begins at 7.30pm. St Peter's Church, Church Hill, Hednesford, WS12 1BD

Future Deanery Synod's

2nd July - Summer Eucharist with Bishop Sarah. St Gabriel's ~~Fullbrook~~. Bishop Sarah, the Bishop of Shrewsbury to preach

6th August – BBQ at St Gabriel's, fundraising for the Deanery Mission Grant Fund

23rd September – David Sims to talk about Tik Tok ministry & alongside a prayer evening at St Matthew's.

November - tbc

3rd December - Advent Reflection – Ben Whitmore to preach, held at St Michael and All Angels, Pelsall.

Coming up soon:

Pentecost	24 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	25 th		No services	
Tuesday	26 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Wednesday	27 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		1pm	Funeral	Streetly Crematorium
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Thursday	28 th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		10am	Drop In	St. Michael's
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Friday	29 th	12.30pm	Funeral	St. Michael's
Saturday	30 th		No services	
Trinity Sunday	31 st	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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