

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

## Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Pentecost Services this week

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

Easter is over and now we celebrate the feast of Pentecost and the birth of the church; the coming of the Holy Spirit to empower the church to proclaim the good news.

## Readings for Holy Communion – 24<sup>th</sup> May

### The Collect

God, who as at this time  
taught the hearts of your faithful people  
by sending to them the light of your Holy  
Spirit:  
grant us by the same Spirit  
to have a right judgement in all things  
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;  
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

### First Reading *Acts 2.1-21*

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?' <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs – in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup>'In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.

<sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy.

- <sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
- <sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
- <sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

### **Psalm 104.26-37**

#### **R: Bless the Lord, O my soul**

26 O Lord, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.

27 There is the sea, spread far and wide,  
and there move creatures beyond number, both small and great. **R**

28 There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan  
which you have made to play in the deep.

29 All of these look to you  
to give them their food in due season. **R**

30 When you give it them, they gather it;  
you open your hand and they are filled with good.

31 When you hide your face they are troubled;  
when you take away their breath,  
they die and return again to the dust. **R**

32 When you send forth your spirit, they are created,  
and you renew the face of the earth.

33 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever;  
may the Lord rejoice in his works;

34 He looks on the earth and it trembles;  
he touches the mountains and they smoke. **R**

35 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;  
I will make music to my God while I have my being.

36 So shall my song please him  
while I rejoice in the Lord.

37 Let sinners be consumed out of the earth  
And the wicked be no more.

Bless the Lord, O my soul. **R**  
(Alleluia).

## **Second Reading**      *1 Corinthians 12.3b-13*

<sup>3</sup>No one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup>Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup>and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup>and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup>To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup>To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup>to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup>All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

<sup>12</sup>For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup>For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body Jews or Greeks, slaves or free and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

### **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 20.19-23*

<sup>19</sup>It was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

### **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**

Faithful God,  
who fulfilled the promises of Easter  
by sending us your Holy Spirit  
and opening to every race and nation  
the way of life eternal:  
open our lips by your Spirit,  
that every tongue may tell of your glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Readings for Evening Prayer

### Psalm 67

**R: Let the peoples praise you, O God, let all the peoples praise you**

1 God be gracious to us and bless us  
and make his face to shine upon us,  
2 That your way may be known upon earth,  
your saving power among all nations.  
3 Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you. **R**  
4 O let the nations rejoice and be glad,  
for you will judge the peoples righteously  
and govern the nations upon earth.  
5 Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you. **R**  
6 Then shall the earth bring forth her increase,  
and God, our own God, will bless us.  
7 God will bless us,  
and all the ends of the earth shall fear him. **R**

### First Reading *Joel 2.21-32*

<sup>21</sup>Do not fear, O soil;  
be glad and rejoice,  
for the LORD has done great things!  
<sup>22</sup>Do not fear, you animals of the field,  
for the pastures of the wilderness are green;  
the tree bears its fruit,  
the fig tree and vine give their full yield.  
<sup>23</sup>O children of Zion, be glad  
and rejoice in the LORD your God;  
for he has given the early rain for your vindication,  
he has poured down for you abundant rain,  
the early and the later rain, as before.  
<sup>24</sup>The threshing-floors shall be full of grain,  
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.  
<sup>25</sup>I will repay you for the years  
that the swarming locust has eaten,  
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,  
my great army, which I sent against you.  
<sup>26</sup>You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,  
and praise the name of the LORD your God,  
who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put  
to shame.

<sup>27</sup>You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,  
and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other.  
And my people shall never again  
be put to shame.

<sup>28</sup>Then afterwards  
I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;  
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
your old men shall dream dreams,  
and your young men shall see visions.

<sup>29</sup>Even on the male and female slaves,  
in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

<sup>30</sup>I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. <sup>31</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the LORD comes. <sup>32</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the LORD has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the LORD calls.

## **Second Reading**      *Acts 2.1422-38*

<sup>14</sup>Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: ‘Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

<sup>22</sup>‘You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know – <sup>23</sup>this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. <sup>24</sup>But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. <sup>25</sup>For David says concerning him,

“I saw the Lord always before me,  
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

<sup>26</sup>therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;  
moreover, my flesh will live in hope.

<sup>27</sup>For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,  
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

<sup>28</sup>You have made known to me the ways of life;  
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.”

<sup>29</sup>‘Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup>Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. <sup>31</sup>Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

“He was not abandoned to Hades,  
nor did his flesh experience corruption.”

<sup>32</sup>This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses. <sup>33</sup>Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you both see and hear. <sup>34</sup>For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, “The Lord said to my Lord,

‘Sit at my right hand,

<sup>35</sup>until I make your enemies your footstool.”

<sup>36</sup>Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.’

<sup>37</sup>Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, ‘Brothers, what should we do?’ <sup>38</sup>Peter 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.’



## RESULTS OF ELECTIONS

Parish of Rushall: St. Michael the Archangel with Christ the King

Deanery of Walsall

At the Annual Meeting of Parishioners and Annual Parochial Church Meeting of the above parish held on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2026

The following were elected as **Churchwardens**:

Bob Barnard

Jan Firth

The following were elected as **Lay Members of the Deanery Synod**:

Boris Worrall

The following were elected as **Lay Members of the Parochial Church Council**:

Rose Harris

Denise Kemp

Caroline Green

Gill Clark

Andrew Hardisty

Wendy Manton

Rosie Whitehouse

Robert Hubble

At a meeting of the newly elected PCC held immediately after the annual meeting Jade Allport was co-opted as a member of the PCC and Paul Tomlin was elected as a deanery synod representative with effect as from 28<sup>th</sup> June.

Please remember our churchwardens, deanery synod representatives and parochial church councillors in your prayers.

The swearing in of churchwardens takes place at the Archdeacon’s visitation at Lichfield cathedral on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm

## Coming up soon:

Trinity Sunday	31 <sup>st</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 <i>Visit of BVM To Elizabeth</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Tuesday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Wednesday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Thursday Corpus Christi	4 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		10am	Drop In	St. Michael's
		2pm	Ministry Team	Regina Drive
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Friday	5 <sup>th</sup>		No services	
		9.30am	Quinquennial Inspection	St. Michael's
Saturday	6 <sup>th</sup>	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Trinity Sunday	7 <sup>th</sup>	8am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		9am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		10.30am	Seeker Service	St. Michael's
		6.30pm	Choral Evensong	St. Michael's

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