

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

## Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May – Fifth Sunday of Easter Services this week

<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>8am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>St. Michael's</b>
		<b>9am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>St. Michael's</b>
		<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Seeker Service</b>	<b>St. Michael's</b>
		<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>BCP Evening Prayer</b>	<b>St. Michael's</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Bank Holiday</b> <b>No services</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	<b>Zoom</b>
		<b>3pm</b>	<b>Burial of ashes</b>	<b>St. Michael's</b>
		<b>6pm</b>	<b>Evening Prayer</b>	<b>Zoom</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	<b>Zoom</b>
		<b>6pm</b>	<b>Evening Prayer</b>	<b>Zoom</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>St. Michael's</b>
		<b>10am</b>	<b>Drop In</b>	<b>St. Michael's</b>
		<b>6pm</b>	<b>Evening Prayer</b>	<b>Zoom</b>
<b>Friday</b> <i>Julian of Norwich</i>	<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>No services</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	<b>Zoom</b>
		<b>6pm</b>	<b>Evening Prayer</b>	<b>Zoom</b>
<b>Sixth Sunday Of Easter</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>St. Michael's</b>
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## 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.

The Easter season continues.

## Readings for Holy Communion – 3<sup>rd</sup> May

### **The Collect**

Almighty God,  
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus  
Christ  
have overcome death and opened to us the  
gate of everlasting life:  
grant that, as by your grace going before us  
    you put into our minds good desires,  
so by your continual help  
we may bring them to good effect;  
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord.  
**Amen**

### **First Reading**           *Acts 7.55-60*

Standing before the high priest and the council, <sup>55</sup>Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup>'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' <sup>57</sup>But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. <sup>58</sup>Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup>While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' <sup>60</sup>Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

### **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 14.1-14*

Jesus said to his disciples: <sup>1</sup>‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father’s house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to the place where I am going.’ <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?’ <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.’ <sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, ‘Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.’ <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, “Show us the Father”?’ <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup>Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.’

### **Prayer of preparation**

Be present, be present,  
Lord Jesus Christ,  
our risen high priest;  
make yourself known in the breaking  
of bread. **Amen.**

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Eternal God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the  
truth, and the life:  
grant us to walk in his way,  
to rejoice in his truth,  
and to share his risen life;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

## Readings for Evening Prayer

### Psalm 147: 1-12

1 O praise the Lord, for it is a good thing to sing praises unto our God : yea, a joyful and pleasant thing it is to be thankful.

2 The Lord doth build up Jerusalem : and gather together the out-casts of Israel.

3 He healeth those that are broken in heart : and giveth medicine to heal their sickness.

4 He telleth the number of the stars : and calleth them all by their names.

5 Great is our Lord, and great is his power : yea, and his wisdom is infinite.

6 The Lord setteth up the meek : and bringeth the ungodly down to the ground.

7 O sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving : sing praises upon the harp unto our God;

8 Who covereth the heaven with clouds, and prepareth rain for the earth : and maketh the grass to grow upon the mountains, and herb for the use of men;

9 Who giveth fodder unto the cattle : and feedeth the young ravens that call upon him.

10 He hath no pleasure in the strength of an horse : neither delighteth he in any man's legs.

11 But the Lord's delight is in them that fear him: and put their trust in his mercy.

12 Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem : praise thy God, O Sion.

### First Reading

#### *Zechariah 4.1-10*

<sup>1</sup>The angel who talked with me came again, and wakened me, as one is wakened from sleep. <sup>2</sup>He said to me, 'What do you see?' And I said, 'I see a lampstand all of gold, with a bowl on the top of it; there are seven lamps on it, with seven lips on each of the lamps that are on the top of it. <sup>3</sup>And by it there are two olive trees, one on the right of the bowl and the other on its left.' <sup>4</sup>I said to the angel who talked with me, 'What are these, my lord?' <sup>5</sup>Then the angel who talked with me answered me, 'Do you not know what these are?' I said, 'No, my lord.' <sup>6</sup>He said to me, 'This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>7</sup>What are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain; and he shall bring out the top stone amid shouts of "Grace, grace to it!"'

<sup>8</sup>Moreover, the word of the LORD came to me, saying, <sup>9</sup>"The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also complete it. Then you will know that the LORD of hosts has sent me to you. <sup>10</sup>For whoever has despised the day of small things shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel.

'These seven are the eyes of the LORD, which range through the whole earth.'

**Second Reading***Revelation 21.1-14*

<sup>1</sup>I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

‘See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

<sup>4</sup>he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.’

<sup>5</sup>And the one who was seated on the throne said, ‘See, I am making all things new.’ Also he said, ‘Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.’ <sup>6</sup>Then he said to me, ‘It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. <sup>7</sup>Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children. <sup>8</sup>But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the polluted, the murderers, the fornicators, the sorcerers, the idolaters, and all liars, their place will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulphur, which is the second death.’

<sup>9</sup>Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and said to me, ‘Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.’ <sup>10</sup>And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. <sup>11</sup>It has the glory of God and a radiance like a very rare jewel, like jasper, clear as crystal. <sup>12</sup>It has a great, high wall with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates are inscribed the names of the twelve tribes of the Israelites; <sup>13</sup>on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. <sup>14</sup>And the wall of the city has twelve foundations, and on them are the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.



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## NOTICE OF A MEETING OF THE PARISHIONERS FOR THE ELECTION OF CHURCHWARDENS

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

A meeting for the election of churchwardens will be held in

The Church Hall, Leigh Road, Walsall WS4 2HE

On the 17th day of May 2026 at 12 noon

This meeting may be attended by—

1. the persons whose names are entered on the church electoral roll of the parish; and
2. the persons resident in the parish whose names are entered on a register of local government electors by reason of such residence.

Under section 5A of the Churchwardens' Measure 2001\*, an appeal against the election of a churchwarden may be made by any person entitled to take part in this meeting or by a candidate in the election. An appeal may be made against the election of any person on any of the following grounds:

1. That the person was not duly elected,
2. That the person was not qualified to be a candidate at the time of election, or
3. That before the election was held, the person misrepresented a material fact in connection with the election.
4. That the conduct of the election was such as to affect its outcome of the election.
5. That it has been determined on an appeal (under Rule 57 of the Church Representation Rules) that an error was made in the roll, or the question is awaiting determination on an appeal, and the error would or might be material to the result of the election.
6. That a vote which was allowed should have been disallowed, or that a vote which was disallowed should have been allowed, but only if the allowance or disallowance of the vote would or might be material to the result of the election.

Any person who wishes to make an appeal—

1. Must do so in writing,
2. Must give brief particulars of the grounds of the appeal, and
3. May be accompanied by written submissions.
4. Notice of an appeal must be given to the lay chair of the deanery synod.

On an appeal under this section, a person who was declared elected but whose election is or may be affected by the appeal is to be regarded for all purposes as elected pending the determination of the appeal.

Signed

Minister (or, under section 5(2) of the Churchwardens' Measure 2001, a churchwarden)

Dated 28th April 2026

*In this Notice, "parish" means an ecclesiastical parish.*

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

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

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held in the church hall

on the seventeenth day of May 2026 at 12.10pm

For election of parochial representatives of the laity as follows—

To the Deanery Synod 3 representatives.<sup>1</sup>

To the Parochial Church Council 12 representatives.

For the appointment of the Independent Examiner or Auditor.

For the consideration of:

(a) a report on changes to the Roll since the last annual parochial church meeting OR<sup>2</sup> a report on the numbers entered on the new Roll;

(b) an Annual Report on the proceedings of the parochial church council and the activities of the parish generally;

(c) the financial statements of the council for the year ending on the 31st December preceding the meeting;

(d) the annual fabric report under section 50 of the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018;

(e) a report of the proceedings of the deanery synod; and

(f) other matters of parochial or general Church interest.

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Signed:

Minister of the parish<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> To be included in a year which parochial representatives of the laity are to be elected to the Deanery Synod.

<sup>2</sup> To be included in a year when a new Church Electoral Roll is prepared. Delete as applicable.

<sup>3</sup> Or vice-chair of the parochial church council as the case may be (see rule M19(2) of the Church Representation Rules).

## Coming up soon:

Sixth Sunday Of Easter	10 <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	11 <sup>th</sup>	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Tuesday	12 <sup>th</sup>	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Wednesday	13 <sup>th</sup>	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Thursday <b>Ascension Day</b>	14 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		10am	Drop In	St. Michael's
		7.30pm	Cluster Service	Walsall Wood
Friday <i>Matthias, Apostle</i>	15 <sup>th</sup>		No services	
Saturday	16 <sup>th</sup>	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Seventh Sunday Of Easter	17 <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

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