

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

Sunday 10th May – Sixth Sunday of Easter Services this week

Sixth Sunday of Easter	10th	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	11th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Tuesday	12th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Wednesday	13th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Thursday <i>ASCENSION DAY</i>	14th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		10am	Drop In	St. Michael's
		6.30pm	Cluster Service	Walsall Wood
Friday <i>Matthias, Apostle</i>	15th		No services	
Saturday	16th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Seventh Sunday Of Easter	17th	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 draw closer to the end of the Easter season as this week sees the feast of the Ascension.

Readings for Holy Communion – 10th May

The Collect

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of
darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to
life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise
us to eternal joy;
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 17.22-31*

²²Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, ‘Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, “To an unknown god.” What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him - though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said,

“For we too are his offspring.”

²⁹Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.’

Psalm 66: 7-18

R: O be joyful in God, all the earth, sing the glory of his name

7 Bless our God, O you peoples;
make the voice of his praise to be heard,

8 Who holds our souls in life
and suffers not our feet to slip. **R**

9 For you, O God, have proved us;
you have tried us as silver is tried.

10 You brought us into the snare;
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water;

but you brought us out into a place of liberty. **R**

12 I will come into your house with burnt offerings
and will pay you my vows,

which my lips uttered
and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.

13 I will offer you fat burnt sacrifices
with the smoke of rams;

I will sacrifice oxen and goats. **R**

14 Come and listen, all you who fear God,
and I will tell you what he has done for my soul.

15 I called out to him with my mouth
and his praise was on my tongue.

16 If I had nursed evil in my heart,
the Lord would not have heard me, **R**

17 But in truth God has heard me;
he has heeded the voice of my prayer.

18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,
nor withheld his loving mercy from me. **R**

Second Reading *1 Peter 3.13-22*

¹³Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water.

²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you – not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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 14.15-21*

Jesus said to his disciples: ¹⁵'If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it

neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. ¹⁸I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little

while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I

in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

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

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of
eternal life:

may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of goodness,
through him who is alive and reigns, now
and for ever.

Amen.

Readings for Evening Prayer

Psalm 87

R: Glorious things are spoken of you, O city of God

1 His foundation is on the holy mountains.

The Lord loves the gates of Zion
more than all the dwellings of Jacob.

2 Glorious things are spoken of you,
Zion, city of our God. **R**

3 I record Egypt and Babylon as those who know me;
behold Philistia, Tyre and Ethiopia:
in Zion were they born. **R**

4 And of Zion it shall be said, 'Each one was born in her,
and the Most High himself has established her.' **R**

5 The Lord will record as he writes up the peoples,
'This one also was born there.'

6 And as they dance they shall sing,
'All my fresh springs are in you.' **R**

First Reading *Zechariah 8.1-13*

¹The word of the LORD of hosts came to me, saying: ²Thus says the LORD of hosts: I am jealous for Zion with great jealousy, and I am jealous for her with great wrath. ³Thus says the LORD: I will return to Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem; Jerusalem shall be called the faithful city, and the mountain of the LORD of hosts shall be called the holy mountain. ⁴Thus says the LORD of hosts: Old men and old women shall again sit in the streets of Jerusalem, each with staff in hand because of their great age. ⁵And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in its streets. ⁶Thus says the LORD of hosts: Even though it seems impossible to the remnant of this people in these days, should it also seem impossible to me, says the LORD of hosts? ⁷Thus says the LORD of hosts: I will save my people from the east country and from the west country; ⁸and I will bring them to live in Jerusalem. They shall be my people and I will be their God, in faithfulness and in righteousness.

⁹Thus says the LORD of hosts: Let your hands be strong – you that have recently been hearing these words from the mouths of the prophets who were present when the foundation was laid for the rebuilding of the temple, the house of the LORD of hosts.

¹⁰For before those days there were no wages for people or for animals, nor was there any safety from the foe for those who went out or came in, and I set them all against one another. ¹¹But now I will not deal with the remnant of this people as in the former days, says the LORD of hosts. ¹²For there shall be a sowing of peace; the vine shall yield its fruit, the ground shall give its produce, and the skies shall give their dew; and I will cause the remnant of this people to possess all these things. ¹³Just as you have been a cursing among the nations, O house of Judah and house of Israel, so I will save you and you shall be a blessing. Do not be afraid, but let your hands be strong.

Second Reading *Revelation 21.22-22.5*

²²I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵Its gates will never be shut by day – and there will be no night there. ²⁶People will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations. ²⁷But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practises abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

¹Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.



THE CHURCH
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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.¹

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 OR² 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 parish³

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

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

³ 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:

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
		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
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
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

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