

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

## Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June – Third Sunday after Trinity Services this week

<b>Third Sunday After Trinity</b>	<b>21<sup>st</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>Holy Communion</b>	<b>St. Michael's</b>
		<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Evening Prayer</b>	<b>St. Michael's</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>8am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	<b>Zoom</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>8am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	<b>Zoom</b>
		<b>6pm</b>	<b>Evening Prayer</b>	<b>Zoom</b>
<b>Wednesday</b> <i>Birth of John the Baptist</i>	<b>24<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>25<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>	<b>26<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>No services</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	<b>Zoom</b>
			<b>OPEN DAY</b>	
		<b>3.30pm</b> <b>6pm</b>	<b>Closing worship</b> <b>Evening Prayer</b>	<b>St. Michael's</b> <b>Zoom</b>
<b>Fourth Sunday After Trinity</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>St. Michael's</b>
		<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>St. Michael's</b>
		<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Evening Prayer</b>	<b>St. Michael's</b>

## 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.

On Saturday we invite all who live in the parish to come and see their church and see a little of all that we do.

## Readings for Holy Communion – 21<sup>st</sup> June

### The Collect

Almighty God,  
you have broken the tyranny of sin  
and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our  
hearts  
    whereby we call you Father:  
give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your  
service,  
that we and all creation may be brought  
    to the glorious liberty of the children of  
God;  
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            *Jeremiah 20.7-13*

<sup>7</sup>O LORD, you have enticed me,  
    and I was enticed;  
you have overpowered me,  
    and you have prevailed.  
I have become a laughing-stock all day long;  
    everyone mocks me.  
<sup>8</sup>For whenever I speak, I must cry out,  
    I must shout, 'Violence and destruction!'  
For the word of the LORD has become for me  
    a reproach and derision all day long.  
<sup>9</sup>If I say, 'I will not mention him,  
    or speak any more in his name',  
then within me there is something like a burning fire  
    shut up in my bones;  
I am weary with holding it in,  
    and I cannot.  
<sup>10</sup>For I hear many whispering:  
    'Terror is all around!  
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!'  
    All my close friends  
    are watching for me to stumble.  
'Perhaps he can be enticed,  
    and we can prevail against him,  
    and take our revenge on him.'

<sup>11</sup>But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior;  
therefore my persecutors will stumble,  
and they will not prevail.

They will be greatly shamed,  
for they will not succeed.

Their eternal dishonour  
will never be forgotten.

<sup>12</sup>O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous,  
you see the heart and the mind;  
let me see your retribution upon them,  
for to you I have committed my cause.

<sup>13</sup>Sing to the LORD;  
praise the LORD!

For he has delivered the life of the needy  
from the hands of evildoers.

### **Psalm 69. 14-20**

**R: The Lord listens to the needy and his own he does not despise**

14 But as for me, I make my prayer to you, O Lord;  
at an acceptable time, O God.

15 Answer me, O God, in the abundance of your mercy  
and with your sure salvation. **R**

16 Draw me out of the mire, that I sink not;  
let me be rescued from those who hate me  
and out of the deep waters.

17 Let not the water flood drown me,  
neither the deep swallow me up;  
let not the Pit shut its mouth upon me. **R**

18 Answer me, Lord, for your loving-kindness is good;  
turn to me in the multitude of your mercies.

19 Hide not your face from your servant;  
be swift to answer me, for I am in trouble.

20 Draw near to my soul and redeem me;  
deliver me because of my enemies. **R**

## **Second Reading**      *Romans 6.1b-11*

<sup>1</sup>Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. <sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For whoever has died is freed from sin. <sup>8</sup>But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia.

The word of the Lord endures for ever.

The word of the Lord is the good news announced to you.

**Alleluia.**

## **Gospel**      *Matthew 10.24-39*

Jesus summoned the twelve and sent them out with the following instruction: <sup>24</sup>‘A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; <sup>25</sup>it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

<sup>26</sup>So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. <sup>27</sup>What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. <sup>28</sup>Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup>Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. <sup>30</sup>And even the hairs of your head are all counted. <sup>31</sup>So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

<sup>32</sup>Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; <sup>33</sup>but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

<sup>34</sup>Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

<sup>35</sup>For I have come to set a man against his father,  
and a daughter against her mother,  
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;

<sup>36</sup>and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

<sup>37</sup>Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; <sup>38</sup>and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup>Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.'

### **Prayer of preparation**

Wise and gracious God,  
you spread a table before us;  
nourish your people with the word of  
life  
and the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

### **Post Communion Prayer**

O God, whose beauty is beyond our  
imagining  
and whose power we cannot comprehend:  
show us your glory as far as we can grasp  
it,  
and shield us from knowing more than we  
can bear  
until we may look upon you without fear;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

## **Readings for Evening Prayer**

### **Psalm 48**

#### **R: Great is the Lord and highly to be praised**

1 Great is the Lord and highly to be praised,  
in the city of our God.

2 His holy mountain is fair and lifted high,  
the joy of all the earth.

3 On Mount Zion, the divine dwelling place,  
stands the city of the great king.

4 In her palaces God has shown himself  
to be a sure refuge. **R**

5 For behold, the kings of the earth assembled  
and swept forward together.

6 They saw, and were dumbfounded;  
dismayed, they fled in terror.

7 Trembling seized them there;  
they writhed like a woman in labour,  
as when the east wind shatters the ships of Tarshish. **R**

8 As we had heard, so have we seen  
in the city of the Lord of hosts, the city of our God:  
God has established her for ever. **R**

9 We have waited on your loving-kindness, O God,  
in the midst of your temple.

10 As with your name, O God,  
so your praise reaches to the ends of the earth;  
your right hand is full of justice.

11 Let Mount Zion rejoice and the daughters of Judah be glad,  
because of your judgements, O Lord. **R**

12 Walk about Zion and go round about her;  
count all her towers;  
consider well her bulwarks; pass through her citadels,

13 That you may tell those who come after  
that such is our God for ever and ever.

It is he that shall be our guide for evermore. **R**

### **First Reading**

*1 Samuel 21.1-15*

*1 Samuel 24.1-17*

<sup>1</sup>When Saul returned from following the Philistines, he was told, 'David is in the wilderness of En-gedi.' <sup>2</sup>Then Saul took three thousand chosen men out of all Israel, and went to look for David and his men in the direction of the Rocks of the Wild Goats. <sup>3</sup>He came to the sheepfolds beside the road, where there was a cave; and Saul went in to relieve himself. Now David and his men were sitting in the innermost parts of the cave. <sup>4</sup>The men of David said to him, 'Here is the day of which the LORD said to you, "I will give your enemy into your hand, and you shall do to him as it seems good to you."' Then David went and stealthily cut off a corner of Saul's cloak. <sup>5</sup>Afterwards David was stricken to the heart because he had cut off a corner of Saul's cloak. <sup>6</sup>He said to his men, 'The LORD forbid that I should do this thing to my lord, the LORD's anointed, to raise my hand against him; for he is the LORD's anointed.' <sup>7</sup>So David scolded his men severely and did not permit them to attack Saul. Then Saul got up and left the cave, and went on his way.

<sup>8</sup>Afterwards David also rose up and went out of the cave and called after Saul, 'My lord the king!' When Saul looked behind him, David bowed with his face to the ground, and did obeisance. <sup>9</sup>David said to Saul, 'Why do you listen to the words of those who say, "David seeks to do you harm"?' <sup>10</sup>This very day your eyes have seen how the LORD gave you into my hand in the cave; and some urged me to kill you, but I spared you. I said, "I will not raise my hand against my lord; for he is the LORD's anointed." <sup>11</sup>See, my father, see the corner of your cloak in my hand; for by the fact that I cut off the corner of your cloak, and did not kill you, you may know for certain that there is no wrong or treason in my hands. I have not sinned against you, though you are hunting me to take my life. <sup>12</sup>May the LORD judge between me and you! May the LORD avenge me on you; but my hand shall not be against you. <sup>13</sup>As the ancient proverb says, "Out of the wicked comes forth wickedness"; but my hand shall not be against you. <sup>14</sup>Against whom has the king of Israel come out? Whom do you pursue? A dead dog? A single flea? <sup>15</sup>May the LORD therefore be judge, and give sentence between me and you. May he see to it, and plead my cause, and vindicate me against you.'

<sup>16</sup>When David had finished speaking these words to Saul, Saul said, 'Is that your voice, my son David?' Saul lifted up his voice and wept. <sup>17</sup>He said to David, 'You are more righteous than I; for you have repaid me good, whereas I have repaid you evil.'

## **Second Reading**      *Luke 14.12-24*

<sup>12</sup>Jesus said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. <sup>13</sup>But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. <sup>14</sup>And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

<sup>15</sup>One of the dinner guests, on hearing this, said to him, 'Blessed is anyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!' <sup>16</sup>Then Jesus said to him, 'Someone gave a great dinner and invited many. <sup>17</sup>At the time for the dinner he sent his slave to say to those who had been invited, "Come; for everything is ready now." <sup>18</sup>But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, "I have bought a piece of land, and I must go out and see it; please accept my apologies." <sup>19</sup>Another said, "I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out; please accept my apologies." <sup>20</sup>Another said, "I have just been married, and therefore I cannot come." <sup>21</sup>So the slave returned and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and said to his slave, "Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame."

<sup>22</sup>And the slave said, "Sir, what you ordered has been done, and there is still room."

<sup>23</sup>Then the master said to the slave, "Go out into the roads and lanes, and compel people to come in, so that my house may be filled. <sup>24</sup>For I tell you, none of those who were invited will taste my dinner.'"

## **St Michael's, Rushall WS4 2DS (Gold Eco Church) OPEN DAY Saturday June 27th 10-4pm**

### **Programme For The Day**

- 10.00 Bell Ringing And Tower Tours**
- 10.30 Coffee Time- Refreshments Available All Day**
- 11.00 Nature Walk In Churchyard**
- 12 Noon History Society Talk On Interesting Graves-Walsall People**
- 1.00 Quilting Display**
- 2.00 Talk On Church Murals And Building**
- 3.30 Closing Worship**



**Children's Activity Table**

**Display of Arts and Crafts**

**Stalls**

**Raffle**

**Light Refreshments All Day**



**A warm welcome awaits you to our  
beautiful Church and Churchyard**



## Coming up soon:

Fourth Sunday	28 <sup>th</sup>	8am 10.30am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Confirmation Service Evening Prayer	St. Michael's St. Michael's St. Michael's
Monday	29 <sup>th</sup>	8am 7.30pm	Morning Prayer Archdeacon's visitation	Zoom Lichfield
Tuesday	30 <sup>th</sup>	8am 6pm	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	Zoom Zoom
Wednesday	1 <sup>st</sup>	8am 6pm	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	Zoom Zoom
Thursday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30am 10am 6pm 7.30pm	Holy Communion Drop In Evening Prayer PCC	St. Michael's St. Michael's Zoom St. Michael's
Friday	3 <sup>rd</sup>		No services	
Saturday	4 <sup>th</sup>	8am 12 noon 6pm	Morning Prayer Baptism Evening Prayer	Zoom St. Michael's Zoom
Fifth Sunday	5 <sup>th</sup>	8am 9am 10.30am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion Holy Communion Evening Prayer	St. Michael's St. Michael's St. Michael's St. Michael's

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