

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

Sunday 14th June – Second Sunday after Trinity Services this week

Second Sunday After Trinity	14 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	15 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Tuesday	16 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Wednesday	17 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Thursday	18 th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		10am	Drop In	St. Michael's
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Friday	19 th		No services	
Saturday	20 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Third Sunday After Trinity	21 st	8am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
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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.

Our readings speak of journeys, journeys of faith. We are challenged to ask ourselves where is God leading me and am I willing to follow?

Readings for Holy Communion – 14th June

The Collect

Lord, you have taught us
that all our doings without love are nothing
worth:
send your Holy Spirit
and pour into our hearts that most excellent
gift of love,
the true bond of peace and of all virtues,
without which whoever lives is counted dead
before you.
Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's
sake,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

First Reading *Exodus 19.2-8a*

²The Israelites had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. ³Then Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: ⁴You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, ⁶but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites.'

⁷So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. ⁸The people all answered as one: 'Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do.'

Psalm 100

R: O be joyful in the Lord, O be joyful all the earth

1 O be joyful in the Lord, all the earth;

serve the Lord with gladness

and come before his presence with a song. **R**

2 Know that the Lord is God;

it is he that has made us and we are his;

we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. **R**

3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving

and his courts with praise;

give thanks to him and bless his name. **R**

4 For the Lord is gracious; his steadfast love is everlasting,
and his faithfulness endures from generation to generation. **R**

Second Reading *Romans 5.1-8*

¹Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

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 9.35 - 10.8(9-23)*

³⁵Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; ³⁸therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.'

¹Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ²These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. ⁵These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near." ⁸Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. ⁹Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, ¹⁰no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for labourers deserve their food. ¹¹Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. ¹²As you enter the house, greet it. ¹³If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you.

¹⁴If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgement than for that town.

¹⁶See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. ¹⁷Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; ¹⁸and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles.

¹⁹When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; ²⁰for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. ²¹Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; ²²and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ²³When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.'

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

Loving Father,
we thank you for feeding us at the supper
of your Son:
sustain us with your Spirit,
that we may serve you here on earth
until our joy is complete in heaven,
and we share in the eternal banquet
with Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Readings for Evening Prayer

Psalm 43

R: Put your trust in God

1 Give judgement for me, O God,
and defend my cause against an ungodly people;
deliver me from the deceitful and the wicked.

2 For you are the God of my refuge;
why have you cast me from you,

and why go I so heavily, while the enemy oppresses me? **R**

3 O send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me,
and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling,

4 That I may go to the altar of God,
to the God of my joy and gladness;

and on the lyre I will give thanks to you, O God my God. **R**

5 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul,
and why are you so disquieted within me?

6 O put your trust in God;
for I will yet give him thanks,

who is the help of my countenance, and my God. **R**

First Reading

1 Samuel 21.1-15

¹David came to Nob to the priest Ahimelech. Ahimelech came trembling to meet David, and said to him, 'Why are you alone, and no one with you?' ²David said to the priest Ahimelech, 'The king has charged me with a matter, and said to me, "No one must know anything of the matter about which I send you, and with which I have charged you." I have made an appointment with the young men for such and such a place. ³Now then, what have you at hand? Give me five loaves of bread, or whatever is here.' ⁴The priest answered David, 'I have no ordinary bread at hand, only holy bread – provided that the young men have kept themselves from women.' ⁵David answered the priest, 'Indeed, women have been kept from us as always when I go on an expedition; the vessels of the young men are holy even when it is a common journey; how much more today will their vessels be holy?' ⁶So the priest gave him the holy bread; for there was no bread there except the bread of the Presence, which is removed from before the LORD to be replaced by hot bread on the day it is taken away.

⁷Now a certain man of the servants of Saul was there that day, detained before the LORD; his name was Doeg the Edomite, the chief of Saul's shepherds.

⁸David said to Ahimelech, 'Is there no spear or sword here with you? I did not bring my sword or my weapons with me, because the king's business required haste.' ⁹The priest said, 'The sword of Goliath the Philistine, whom you killed in the valley of Elah, is here wrapped in a cloth behind the ephod; if you will take that, take it, for there is none here except that one.' David said, 'There is none like it; give it to me.'

¹⁰David rose and fled that day from Saul; he went to King Achish of Gath. ¹¹The servants of Achish said to him, 'Is this not David the king of the land? Did they not sing to one another of him in dances,

"Saul has killed his thousands,
and David his tens of thousands"?"

¹²David took these words to heart and was very much afraid of King Achish of Gath. ¹³So he changed his behaviour before them; he pretended to be mad when in their presence. He scratched marks on the doors of the gate, and let his spittle run down his beard.

¹⁴Achish said to his servants, 'Look, you see the man is mad; why then have you brought him to me? ¹⁵Do I lack madmen, that you have brought this fellow to play the madman in my presence? Shall this fellow come into my house?'

Second Reading

Luke 11.14-28

¹⁴Jesus was casting out a demon that was mute; when the demon had gone out, the one who had been mute spoke, and the crowds were amazed. ¹⁵But some of them said, 'He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the ruler of the demons.' ¹⁶Others, to test him, kept demanding from him a sign from heaven. ¹⁷But he knew what they were thinking and said to them, 'Every kingdom divided against itself becomes a desert, and house falls on house. ¹⁸If Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? – for you say that I cast out the demons by Beelzebul. ¹⁹Now if I cast out the demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your exorcists cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. ²⁰But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out the demons, then the kingdom of God has come to you. ²¹When a strong man, fully armed, guards his castle, his property is safe. ²²But when one stronger than he attacks him and overpowers him, he takes away his armour in which he trusted and divides his plunder. ²³Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters. ²⁴When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it wanders through waterless regions looking for a resting-place, but not finding any, it says, "I will return to my house from which I came." ²⁵When it comes, it finds it swept and put in order. ²⁶Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and live there; and the last state of that person is worse than the first.' ²⁷While he was saying this, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, 'Blessed is the womb that bore you and the breasts that nursed you!' ²⁸But he said, 'Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it!'

Tuesday 16th June is the feast of Richard of Chichester (1253)

This prayer is attributed to him:

Thanks be to Thee,
My Lord Jesus Christ
for all the benefits thou hast given me,
for all the pains and insults which thou hast borne for me.
O most merciful redeemer,
friend and brother,
may I know thee more dearly
and follow thee more nearly
day by day.

**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**

Confirmation Service

Sunday 28th June

10.30am

We welcome Bishop Michael (Bishop of Lichfield)
who comes to confirm four members of our congregation.

Refreshments follow the service in the church hall

We thank the council who came and strimmed the churchyard on 9th June –
a week earlier than expected!

Coming up soon:

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		10.30am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		6.30pm	Evening Prayer	St. Michael's
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Tuesday	23 rd	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		4.30pm	Funeral	Mercia Forest
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Wednesday <i>Birth of John The Baptist</i>	24 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Thursday	25 th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		10am	Drop In	St. Michael's
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Friday	26 th		No services	
Saturday	27 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		10am	Church Open Day	St. Michael's
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Fourth Sunday After Trinity	28 th	8am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		10.30am	Confirmation Service	St. Michael's
		6.30pm	Evening Prayer	St. Michael's

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