

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

Sunday 5th July – Fifth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 9) Services this week

Fifth Sunday After Trinity	5th	8am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		9am	Holy Communion	Christ the King
		10.30am	Seeker Service	St. Michael's
		6.30pm	BCP Evensong	St. Michael's
Monday	6th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		2.15pm	Funeral	Streetly Crem.
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Tuesday	7th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		9.30am	Holy Communion	Christ the King
		10am	Drop In	Christ the King
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Wednesday	8th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		11am	Funeral	Streetly Crem.
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Thursday	9th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		10am	Drop In	St. Michael's
		12.30pm	Clergy Chapter	tbc
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Friday	10th		No services	
Saturday <i>Benedict, c.550</i>	11th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Sixth Sunday After Trinity	12th	8am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		9am	Holy Communion	Christ the King
		10.30am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		12 noon	Baptism	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.

Summer has certainly arrived with the recent heat wave. Luckily it is relatively cool in the church of St. Michael's. Christ the King, which opens this week is somewhat hotter!

Readings for Holy Communion – 5th July

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your
faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

First Reading

Romans 7.15-25a

¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.

²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ²⁵Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.

You have the words of eternal life. **Alleluia.**

Gospel

Matthew 11.16-19,25-30

At that time Jesus said, ¹⁶“To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another,

¹⁷“We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.”

¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, “He has a demon”; ¹⁹the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, “Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!” Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.

²⁵I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.’

Prayer of preparation

Blessed be God,
who feeds the hungry,
who raises the poor,
who fills our praise.
Blessed be God for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you,
that the course of this world may be so
peaceably ordered
by your governance,
that your Church may joyfully serve you in
all godly quietness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Readings for Evening Prayer

Psalm 56

1 Be merciful unto me, O God, for man goeth about to devour me : he is daily fighting, and troubling me.

2 Mine enemies are daily in hand to swallow me up : for they be many that fight against me, O thou most Highest.

3 Nevertheless, though I am sometime afraid : yet put I my trust in thee.

4 I will praise God, because of his word : I have put my trust in God, and will not fear what flesh can do unto me.

5 They daily mistake my words : all that they imagine is to do me evil.

6 They hold all together, and keep themselves close : and mark my steps, when they lay wait for my soul.

7 Shall they escape for their wickedness : thou, O God, in thy displeasure shalt cast them down.

8 Thou tellest my flittings; put my tears into thy bottle : are not these things noted in thy book?

- 9 Whensoever I call upon thee, then shall mine enemies be put to flight : this I know; for God is on my side.
- 10 In God's word will I rejoice : in the Lord's word will I comfort me.
- 11 Yea, in God have I put my trust : I will not be afraid what man can do unto me.
- 12 Unto thee, O God, will I pay my vows : unto thee will I give thanks.
- 13 For thou hast delivered my soul from death, and my feet from falling : that I may walk before God in the light of the living.

First Reading

2 Samuel 2.1-11; 3.1

¹After this David inquired of the LORD, 'Shall I go up into any of the cities of Judah?' The LORD said to him, 'Go up.' David said, 'To which shall I go up?' He said, 'To Hebron.' ²So David went up there, along with his two wives, Ahinoam of Jezreel, and Abigail the widow of Nabal of Carmel. ³David brought up the men who were with him, every one with his household; and they settled in the towns of Hebron. ⁴Then the people of Judah came, and there they anointed David king over the house of Judah.

When they told David, 'It was the people of Jabesh-gilead who buried Saul', ⁵David sent messengers to the people of Jabesh-gilead, and said to them, 'May you be blessed by the LORD, because you showed this loyalty to Saul your lord, and buried him! ⁶Now may the LORD show steadfast love and faithfulness to you! And I too will reward you because you have done this thing. ⁷Therefore let your hands be strong, and be valiant; for Saul your lord is dead, and the house of Judah has anointed me king over them.'

⁸But Abner son of Ner, commander of Saul's army, had taken Ishbaal son of Saul, and brought him over to Mahanaim. ⁹He made him king over Gilead, the Ashurites, Jezreel, Ephraim, Benjamin, and over all Israel. ¹⁰Ishbaal, Saul's son, was forty years old when he began to reign over Israel, and he reigned for two years. But the house of Judah followed David. ¹¹The time that David was king in Hebron over the house of Judah was seven years and six months.

¹There was a long war between the house of Saul and the house of David; David grew stronger and stronger, while the house of Saul became weaker and weaker.

Second Reading

Luke 18.31 - 19.10

³¹Then Jesus took the twelve aside and said to them, 'See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished.

³²For he will be handed over to the Gentiles; and he will be mocked and insulted and spat upon. ³³After they have flogged him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise again.' ³⁴But they understood nothing about all these things; in fact, what he said was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.

³⁵As he approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. ³⁶When he heard a crowd going by, he asked what was happening. ³⁷They told him, 'Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.' ³⁸Then he shouted, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!' ³⁹Those who were in front sternly ordered him to be quiet; but he shouted even more loudly, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!' ⁴⁰Jesus stood still and ordered the man to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, ⁴¹'What do you want me to do for you?' He said, 'Lord, let me see again.' ⁴²Jesus said to him, 'Receive your sight; your faith has saved you.' ⁴³Immediately he regained his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, praised God.

¹He entered Jericho and was passing through it. ²A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax-collector and was rich. ³He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. ⁴So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. ⁵When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, 'Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.' ⁶So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. ⁷All who saw it began to grumble and said, 'He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.' ⁸Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, 'Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.' ⁹Then Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.'

Congratulations to Jonathan, Kathleen, Jade and Paul who were confirmed by Bishop Michael on Sunday 28th June.

A lovely service and a feast in the hall afterwards.

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to the service and the refreshments and the setting up and clearing away afterwards.



Bob and Jan were sworn in by the Archdeacon of Walsall in Lichfield Cathedral on Monday evening.

Another lovely occasion.

Christ the King reopens for worship with Holy Communion this morning at 9am.

There will be a Tuesday service here on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Tuesdays of the month with a drop in to follow.





Summer is here!

Coming up soon:

Sixth Sunday After Trinity	12 th	8am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		9am	Holy Communion	Christ the King
		10.30am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		12 noon	Baptism	St. Michael's
		6.30pm	Evening Prayer	St. Michael's
Monday	13 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		2pm	Eco Committee	St. Michael's
Tuesday	14 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		3pm	Chavasse Trust	Christ the King
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Wednesday	15 th		No services	
Thursday	16 th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		10am	Drop In	St. Michael's
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Friday	17 th		No services	
Saturday	18 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Seventh Sunday After Trinity	19 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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