

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

Sunday 2nd August – Ninth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 13) Services this week

Fifth Sunday After Trinity	2nd	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	3rd	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Tuesday	4th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		9.30am	Holy Communion	Christ the King
		10am	Drop In	Christ the King
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Wednesday	5th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Thursday <i>Transfiguration</i>	6th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		10am	Drop In	St. Michael's
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Friday	7th		No services	
Saturday <i>Dominic, 1221</i>	8th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Tenth Sunday After Trinity	9th	8am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		9am	Holy Communion	Christ the King
		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.

The sunshine continues and still no rain! Our Gospel this Sunday tells us of Jesus bringing refreshment to the crowd.

Readings for Holy Communion – 2nd August

The Collect

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
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

Romans 9.1-5

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ – I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit – ²I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.
Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.
You have the words of eternal life. **Alleluia.**

Gospel

Matthew 14.13-21

¹³When Jesus heard that Herod had beheaded John the Baptist, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' ¹⁶Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' ¹⁷They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' ¹⁸And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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

Holy Father,
who gathered us here around the table of
your Son
to share this meal with the whole
household of God:
in that new world where you reveal the
fullness of your peace,
gather people of every race and language
to share in the eternal banquet of
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Readings for Evening Prayer

Psalm 80

1 Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that ledest Joseph like a sheep : shew thyself also, thou that sittest upon the cherubims.
2 Before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasses : stir up thy strength, and come, and help us.
3 Turn us again, O God : shew the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.
4 O Lord God of hosts : how long wilt thou be angry with thy people that prayeth?
5 Thou feedest them with the bread of tears : and givest them plenteousness of tears to drink.
6 Thou hast made us a very strife unto our neighbours : and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
7 Turn us again, thou God of hosts : shew the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.
8 Thou hast brought a vine out of Egypt : thou hast cast out the heathen, and planted it.
9 Thou madest room for it : and when it had taken root it filled the land.
10 The hills were covered with the shadow of it : and the boughs thereof were like the goodly cedar-trees.
11 She stretched out her branches unto the sea : and her boughs unto the river.
12 Why hast thou then broken down her hedge : that all they that go by pluck off her grapes?
13 The wild boar out of the wood doth root it up: and the wild beasts of the field devour it.
14 Turn thee again, thou God of hosts, look down from heaven : behold, and visit this vine;
15 And the place of the vineyard that thy right hand hath planted : and the branch that thou madest so strong for thyself.

16 It is burnt with fire, and cut down : and they shall perish at the rebuke of thy countenance.

17 Let thy hand be upon the man of thy right hand : and upon the son of man, whom thou madest so strong for thine own self.

18 And so will not we go back from thee : O let us live, and we shall call upon thy Name.

19 Turn us again, O Lord God of hosts : shew the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.

First Reading

1 Kings 10.1-13

¹When the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon, (fame due to the name of the LORD), she came to test him with hard questions. ²She came to Jerusalem with a very great retinue, with camels bearing spices, and very much gold, and precious stones; and when she came to Solomon, she told him all that was on her mind. ³Solomon answered all her questions; there was nothing hidden from the king that he could not explain to her. ⁴When the queen of Sheba had observed all the wisdom of Solomon, the house that he had built, ⁵the food of his table, the seating of his officials, and the attendance of his servants, their clothing, his valets, and his burnt-offerings that he offered at the house of the LORD, there was no more spirit in her.

⁶So she said to the king, 'The report was true that I heard in my own land of your accomplishments and of your wisdom, ⁷but I did not believe the reports until I came and my own eyes had seen it. Not even half had been told me; your wisdom and prosperity far surpass the report that I had heard. ⁸Happy are your wives! Happy are these your servants, who continually attend you and hear your wisdom! ⁹Blessed be the LORD your God, who has delighted in you and set you on the throne of Israel! Because the LORD loved Israel for ever, he has made you king to execute justice and righteousness.'

¹⁰Then she gave the king one hundred and twenty talents of gold, a great quantity of spices, and precious stones; never again did spices come in such quantity as that which the queen of Sheba gave to King Solomon.

¹¹Moreover, the fleet of Hiram, which carried gold from Ophir, brought from Ophir a great quantity of almug wood and precious stones. ¹²From the almug wood the king made supports for the house of the LORD, and for the king's house, lyres also and harps for the singers; no such almug wood has come or been seen to this day.

¹³Meanwhile, King Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba every desire that she expressed, as well as what he gave her out of Solomon's royal bounty. Then she returned to her own land, with her servants.

Second Reading*Acts 13.1-13*

¹In the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a member of the court of Herod the ruler, and Saul. ²While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, 'Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.' ³Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.

⁴So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia; and from there they sailed to Cyprus. ⁵When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews. And they had John also to assist them. ⁶When they had gone through the whole island as far as Paphos, they met a certain magician, a Jewish false prophet, named Bar-Jesus. ⁷He was with the proconsul, Sergius Paulus, an intelligent man, who summoned Barnabas and Saul and wanted to hear the word of God. ⁸But the magician Elymas (for that is the translation of his name) opposed them and tried to turn the proconsul away from the faith. ⁹But Saul, also known as Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked intently at him ¹⁰and said, 'You son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, full of all deceit and villainy, will you not stop making crooked the straight paths of the Lord? ¹¹And now listen – the hand of the Lord is against you, and you will be blind for a while, unable to see the sun.' Immediately mist and darkness came over him, and he went about groping for someone to lead him by the hand. ¹²When the proconsul saw what had happened, he believed, for he was astonished at the teaching about the Lord.

¹³Then Paul and his companions set sail from Paphos and came to Perga in Pamphylia. John, however, left them and returned to Jerusalem.

To celebrate the Feast of Creation in Christ this year Bishop Michael is making a two-day pilgrimage on the 4th/5th September.

On day one the pilgrimage will start here at St Michael's. The route aims to follow a number of those churches who have committed to eco church ending in the Reflection Gardens at Beaudesert.

Each stop would aim to be no longer than 15 minutes and it would be lovely if any members of the church were available to greet the Bishop when he arrives. This is a wonderful opportunity to see +Michael before he retires and pray for creation and our fragile world. Please note that the timing might differ slightly on the day.

The (draft) itinerary is below.

0830-0900	Prayers and Greetings at St Michael's Rushall
0900-0930	Walk to Rushall
0930-0945	Prayerful Pause at Christ the King Rushall
0945-1025	Walk to Shelfield
1025-1040	Prayerful Pause at St Mark's Shelfield
1045-1120	Walk to Walsall Wood
1120-1135	Prayerful Pause at St John's Walsall Wood
1135-1230	Walk to Brownhills
1230-1300	Lunch and Prayerful Pause at St James' Brownhills
1300-1410	Walk to Chasetown
1410-1445	Pause and Hospitality at The Scholars Ground (Home of Chasetown FC)
1445-1535	Walk to Chase Terrace
1535-1550	Prayerful Pause at St John's Chase Terrace
1550-1640	Walk to Gentleshaw
1640-1655	Prayerful Pause at Christ Church Gentleshaw
1655-1720	Walk to Reflections Gardens
1720-1745	Closing Prayers at Reflections

The summer is usually a quiet time but there are things to look forward to later in the year.

29th August: Bring and share summer supper

9th September: Cluster service at St. Michael's

13th September: Pet Service at St. Michael's

26th September: Quiz Night

4th October: Harvest Supper

1st November: Memorial Service with refreshments

21st November: Christmas Fayre

5th December: Christmas Draw

13th December: Christingle Service

20th December: Candlelit Carol Service

24th December: Midnight Mass

Coming up soon:

Tenth	9 th	8am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
Sunday		9am	Holy Communion	Christ the King
After Trinity		10.30am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		6.30pm	Evening Prayer	St. Michael's
Monday	10 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Tuesday	11 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
<i>Clare of Assisi</i>		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Wednesday	12 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Thursday	13 th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		10am	Drop In	St. Michael's
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Friday	14 th		No services	
Saturday	15 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
<i>Blessed Virgin Mary</i>		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Eleventh	16 th	8am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
Sunday		9am	Holy Communion	Christ the King
After Trinity		10.30am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		6.30pm	Evening Prayer	St. Michael's

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