

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

## Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July – Eighth Sunday after Trinity Services this week

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|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Eighth Sunday After Trinity</b>                      | <b>26<sup>th</sup></b> | 8am<br>9am<br>10.30am<br>6.30pm | Holy Communion<br>Holy Communion<br>Holy Communion<br>Evening Prayer | St. Michael's<br>Christ the King<br>St. Michael's<br>St. Michael's | <b>Services online</b><br>The Sunday 10.30am service at St. Michael's is streamed live on Facebook for those unable to attend in person.<br><br>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. |
| <b>Monday</b>                                           | <b>27<sup>th</sup></b> | 8am<br>6pm                      | Morning Prayer<br>Evening Prayer                                     | Zoom<br>Zoom                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Tuesday</b>                                          | <b>28<sup>th</sup></b> | 8am<br>6pm                      | Morning Prayer<br>Evening Prayer                                     | Zoom<br>Zoom                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Wednesday</b><br><i>Martha, Mary &amp; Lazarus</i>   | <b>29<sup>th</sup></b> | 8am<br>9.45am<br>6pm            | Morning Prayer<br>Burial of ashes<br>Evening Prayer                  | Zoom<br>North Walsall<br>Zoom                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Thursday</b><br><i>William</i><br><i>Wilberforce</i> | <b>30<sup>th</sup></b> | 9.30am<br>10am<br>6pm<br>7.30pm | Holy Communion<br>Drop In<br>Evening Prayer<br>Deanery Eucharist     | St. Michael's<br>St. Michael's<br>Zoom<br>St. Gabriel's            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Friday</b>                                           | <b>31<sup>st</sup></b> | 1pm                             | Funeral                                                              | Streetly Crem                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Saturday</b>                                         | <b>1<sup>st</sup></b>  |                                 | No services                                                          |                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Ninth Sunday After Trinity</b>                       | <b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>  | 8am<br>9am<br>10.30am<br>6.30pm | Holy Communion<br>Holy Communion<br>Holy Communion<br>Evening Prayer | St. Michael's<br>Christ the King<br>St. Michael's<br>St. Michael's |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

We continue through the summer heat with services most days of the week.

## Readings for Holy Communion – 26<sup>th</sup> July

### The Collect

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,  
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern  
both our hearts and bodies  
in the ways of your laws  
and the works of your commandments;  
that through your most mighty protection,  
both here and ever,  
we may be preserved in body and soul;  
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

*1 Kings 3.5-12*

<sup>5</sup>At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' <sup>6</sup>And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. <sup>7</sup>And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. <sup>8</sup>And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. <sup>9</sup>Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?'

<sup>10</sup>It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. <sup>11</sup>God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, <sup>12</sup>I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.'

## **Psalm 119.129-136**

**R: Lead me, O Lord, in the path of your commandments**

129 Your testimonies are wonderful;  
therefore my soul keeps them.

130 The opening of your word gives light;  
it gives understanding to the simple. **R**

131 I open my mouth and draw in my breath,  
as I long for your commandments.

132 Turn to me and be gracious to me,  
as is your way with those who love your name. **R**

133 Order my steps by your word,  
and let no wickedness have dominion over me.

134 Redeem me from earthly oppressors  
so that I may keep your commandments. **R**

135 Show the light of your countenance upon your servant  
and teach me your statutes.

136 My eyes run down with streams of water,  
because the wicked do not keep your law. **R**

## **Second Reading**      *Romans 8.26-39*

<sup>26</sup>The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. <sup>27</sup>And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

<sup>28</sup>We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup>For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. <sup>30</sup>And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

<sup>31</sup>What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us?

<sup>32</sup>He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? <sup>33</sup>Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. <sup>35</sup>Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written,

‘For your sake we are being killed all day long;  
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.’

<sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

<sup>38</sup>For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, <sup>39</sup>nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## **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 13.31-33,44-52*

<sup>31</sup>Jesus put before the crowd another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; <sup>32</sup>it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.' <sup>33</sup>He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.

<sup>44</sup>The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

<sup>45</sup>Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; <sup>46</sup>on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

<sup>47</sup>Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; <sup>48</sup>when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. <sup>49</sup>So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous <sup>50</sup>and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

<sup>51</sup>Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' <sup>52</sup>And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

## **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**

Strengthen for service, Lord,  
the hands that have taken holy things;  
may the ears which have heard your word  
be deaf to clamour and dispute;  
may the tongues which have sung your  
praise be free from deceit;  
may the eyes which have seen the tokens  
of your love shine with the light of hope;  
and may the bodies which have been fed  
with your body be refreshed with the  
fullness of your life;  
glory to you for ever. **Amen.**

## Readings for Evening Prayer

### Psalm 75

#### **R: We give thanks to you, O God**

1 We give you thanks, O God, we give you thanks,  
for your name is near, as your wonderful deeds declare. **R**

2 'I will seize the appointed time;  
I, the Lord, will judge with equity.

3 'Though the earth reels and all that dwell in her,  
it is I that hold her pillars steady. **R**

4 'To the boasters I say, "Boast no longer,"  
and to the wicked, "Do not lift up your horn.

5 "Do not lift up your horn on high;  
do not speak with a stiff neck." **R**

6 For neither from the east nor from the west,  
nor yet from the wilderness comes exaltation.

7 But God alone is judge;  
he puts down one and raises up another. **R**

8 For in the hand of the Lord there is a cup,  
well mixed and full of foaming wine.

9 He pours it out for all the wicked of the earth;  
they shall drink it, and drain the dregs. **R**

10 But I will rejoice for ever  
and make music to the God of Jacob.

11 All the horns of the wicked will I break,  
but the horns of the righteous shall be exalted. **R**

### **First Reading** *1 Kings 6.11-14,23-38*

<sup>11</sup>Now the word of the LORD came to Solomon, <sup>12</sup>'Concerning this house that you are building, if you will walk in my statutes, obey my ordinances, and keep all my commandments by walking in them, then I will establish my promise with you, which I made to your father David. <sup>13</sup>I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will not forsake my people Israel.'

<sup>14</sup>So Solomon built the house, and finished it.

<sup>23</sup>In the inner sanctuary he made two cherubim of olive wood, each ten cubits high. <sup>24</sup>Five cubits was the length of one wing of the cherub, and five cubits the length of the other wing of the cherub; it was ten cubits from the tip of one wing to the tip of the other.

<sup>25</sup>The other cherub also measured ten cubits; both cherubim had the same measure and the same form. <sup>26</sup>The height of one cherub was ten cubits, and so was that of the other cherub. <sup>27</sup>He put the cherubim in the innermost part of the house; the wings of the cherubim were spread out so that a wing of one was touching one wall, and a wing of the other cherub was touching the other wall; their other wings towards the centre of the house were touching wing to wing. <sup>28</sup>He also overlaid the cherubim with gold.

<sup>29</sup>He carved the walls of the house all round about with carved engravings of cherubim, palm trees, and open flowers, in the inner and outer rooms. <sup>30</sup>The floor of the house he overlaid with gold, in the inner and outer rooms.

<sup>31</sup>For the entrance to the inner sanctuary he made doors of olive wood; the lintel and the doorposts were five-sided. <sup>32</sup>He covered the two doors of olive wood with carvings of cherubim, palm trees, and open flowers; he overlaid them with gold, and spread gold on the cherubim and on the palm trees.

<sup>33</sup>So also he made for the entrance to the nave doorposts of olive wood, each four-sided, <sup>34</sup>and two doors of cypress wood; the two leaves of one door were folding, and the two leaves of the other door were folding. <sup>35</sup>He carved cherubim, palm trees, and open flowers, overlaying them with gold evenly applied upon the carved work. <sup>36</sup>He built the inner court with three courses of dressed stone to one course of cedar beams.

<sup>37</sup>In the fourth year the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid, in the month of Ziv. <sup>38</sup>In the eleventh year, in the month of Bul, which is the eighth month, the house was finished in all its parts, and according to all its specifications. He was seven years in building it.

## **Second Reading**     *Acts 12.1-17*

<sup>1</sup>King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. <sup>2</sup>He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. <sup>3</sup>After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.) <sup>4</sup>When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. <sup>5</sup>While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him.

<sup>6</sup>The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. <sup>7</sup>Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, 'Get up quickly.' And the chains fell off his wrists. <sup>8</sup>The angel said to him, 'Fasten your belt and put on your sandals.' He did so. Then he said to him, 'Wrap your cloak around you and follow me.' <sup>9</sup>Peter went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. <sup>10</sup>After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. <sup>11</sup>Then Peter came to himself and said, 'Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.'

<sup>12</sup>As soon as he realized this, he went to the house of Mary, the mother of John whose other name was Mark, where many had gathered and were praying. <sup>13</sup>When he knocked at the outer gate, a maid named Rhoda came to answer. <sup>14</sup>On recognizing Peter's voice, she was so overjoyed that, instead of opening the gate, she ran in and announced that Peter was standing at the gate. <sup>15</sup>They said to her, 'You are out of your mind!' But she insisted that it was so. They said, 'It is his angel.' <sup>16</sup>Meanwhile, Peter continued knocking; and when they opened the gate, they saw him and were amazed. <sup>17</sup>He motioned to them with his hand to be silent, and described for them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. And he added, 'Tell this to James and to the believers.' Then he left and went to another place.

## **Deanery Synod Dates**

**30th July 7.30pm-** Summer Eucharist, Bishop Sarah Preaching, St Gabriel's

**6th August,** BBQ at St Gabriel's, fundraiser for the Deanery Mission Grant Fund.

**23rd September,** Revd David Sims, Tik Tok ministry & prayer evening, St Matthew's

**10th November,** St Paul's at the Crossing, Embrace the Middle East

**3rd December,** Advent Reflection, Revd Canon Ben Whitmore preaching, St Michael and All Angels, Pelsall

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

29<sup>th</sup> August: Bring and share summer supper

26<sup>th</sup> September: Quiz Night

4<sup>th</sup> October: Harvest Supper

1<sup>st</sup> November: Memorial Service with refreshments

21<sup>st</sup> November: Christmas Fayre

5<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Draw

13<sup>th</sup> December: Christingle Service

20<sup>th</sup> December: Candlelit Carol Service

24<sup>th</sup> December: Midnight Mass

## Coming up soon:

|                                    |                 |         |                    |                 |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|---------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Ninth<br>Sunday<br>After Trinity   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 8am     | Holy Communion     | St. Michael's   |
|                                    |                 | 9am     | Holy Communion     | Christ the King |
|                                    |                 | 10.30am | Seeker Service     | St. Michael's   |
|                                    |                 | 6.30pm  | BCP Evening Prayer | St. Michael's   |
| Monday                             | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 8am     | Morning Prayer     | Zoom            |
|                                    |                 | 6pm     | Evening Prayer     | Zoom            |
| Tuesday                            | 4 <sup>th</sup> | 8am     | Morning Prayer     | Zoom            |
|                                    |                 | 9.30am  | Holy Communion     | Christ the King |
|                                    |                 | 10am    | Drop In            | Christ the King |
|                                    |                 | 6pm     | Evening Prayer     | Zoom            |
| Wednesday<br><i>Oswald, 642</i>    | 5 <sup>th</sup> | 8am     | Morning Prayer     | Zoom            |
|                                    |                 | 6pm     | Evening Prayer     | Zoom            |
| Thursday<br><i>Transfiguration</i> | 6 <sup>th</sup> | 9.30am  | Holy Communion     | St. Michael's   |
|                                    |                 | 10am    | Drop In            | St. Michael's   |
|                                    |                 | 6pm     | Evening Prayer     | Zoom            |
| Friday                             | 7 <sup>th</sup> |         | No services        |                 |
| Saturday<br><i>Dominic, 1221</i>   | 8 <sup>th</sup> | 8am     | Morning Prayer     | Zoom            |
|                                    |                 | 6pm     | Evening Prayer     | Zoom            |
| Tenth<br>Sunday<br>After Trinity   | 9 <sup>th</sup> | 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   |

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