

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

Sunday 19th July – Seventh Sunday after Trinity Services this week

Seventh Sunday After Trinity	19 th	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
Monday	20 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		3.15pm	Funeral	Streetly Crem
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Tuesday	21 st	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		9.30am	Holy Communion	Christ the King
		10am	Drop In	Christ the King
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Wednesday	22 nd	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Thursday	23 rd	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		10am	Drop In	St. Michael's
		2.30pm	Ministry Team	tbc
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Friday	24 th		No services	
Saturday <i>James, Apostle</i>	25 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Eighth Sunday After Trinity	26 th	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 holiday season has begun but every day is a "Holy Day" – a day to give thanks to God for his goodness and love.

Readings for Holy Communion – 19th July

The Collect

Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
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

Wisdom of Solomon 12.13,16-19

¹³There is not any god besides you, whose care is for all people,
to whom you should prove that you have not judged unjustly;

¹⁶For your strength is the source of righteousness,
and your sovereignty over all causes you to spare all.

¹⁷For you show your strength when people doubt the completeness of your power,
and you rebuke any insolence among those who know it.

¹⁸Although you are sovereign in strength, you judge with mildness,
and with great forbearance you govern us;
for you have power to act whenever you choose.

¹⁹Through such works you have taught your people
that the righteous must be kind,
and you have filled your children with good hope,
because you give repentance for sins.

Psalm 86.11-17

R: Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth

11 Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth;
knit my heart to you, that I may fear your name. **R**

12 I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart,
and glorify your name for evermore;

13 For great is your steadfast love towards me,
for you have delivered my soul from the depths of the grave. **R**

14 O God, the proud rise up against me
and a ruthless horde seek after my life;
they have not set you before their eyes.

15 But you, Lord, are gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and full of kindness and truth. **R**

16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me;
give your strength to your servant
and save the child of your handmaid.
17 Show me a token of your favour,
that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed;
because you, O Lord, have helped and comforted me. **R**

Second Reading *Romans 8.12-25*

¹²Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh - ¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ – if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.
¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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 13.24-30,36-43

²⁴Jesus put before the crowd another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" ²⁸He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" ²⁹But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn."

³⁶Then Jesus left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' ³⁷He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels.

⁴⁰Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴²and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!'

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

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and
the source of life,
ever giving himself that the world may live:
may we so receive within ourselves
the power of his death and passion
that, in his saving cup,
we may share his glory and be made
perfect in his love;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for
ever. **Amen.**

Readings for Evening Prayer

Psalm 67

R: Let the peoples praise you, O God

1 God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,

2 That your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.

3 *Let the peoples praise you, O God;*

let all the peoples praise you. R

4 O let the nations rejoice and be glad,
for you will judge the peoples righteously
and govern the nations upon earth.

5 *Let the peoples praise you, O God;*

let all the peoples praise you. R

6 Then shall the earth bring forth her increase,
and God, our own God, will bless us.

7 God will bless us,

and all the ends of the earth shall fear him. **R**

First Reading

1 Kings 2.10-12; 3.16-28

¹⁰David slept with his ancestors, and was buried in the city of David. ¹¹The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. ¹²So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established.

¹⁶Later, two women who were prostitutes came to the king and stood before him.

¹⁷One woman said, 'Please, my lord, this woman and I live in the same house; and I gave birth while she was in the house. ¹⁸Then on the third day after I gave birth, this woman also gave birth. We were together; there was no one else with us in the house, only the two of us were in the house. ¹⁹Then this woman's son died in the night, because she lay on him. ²⁰She got up in the middle of the night and took my son from beside me while your servant slept. She laid him at her breast, and laid her dead son at my breast. ²¹When I rose in the morning to nurse my son, I saw that he was dead; but when I looked at him closely in the morning, clearly it was not the son I had borne.' ²²But the other woman said, 'No, the living son is mine, and the dead son is yours.' The first said, 'No, the dead son is yours, and the living son is mine.' So they argued before the king.

²³Then the king said, 'One says, "This is my son that is alive, and your son is dead"; while the other says, "Not so! Your son is dead, and my son is the living one."' ²⁴So the king said, 'Bring me a sword', and they brought a sword before the king. ²⁵The king said, 'Divide the living boy in two; then give half to one, and half to the other.' ²⁶But the woman whose son was alive said to the king—because compassion for her son burned within her—'Please, my lord, give her the living boy; certainly do not kill him!' The other said, 'It shall be neither mine nor yours; divide it.' ²⁷Then the king responded: 'Give the first woman the living boy; do not kill him. She is his mother.' ²⁸All Israel heard of the judgement that the king had rendered; and they stood in awe of the king, because they perceived that the wisdom of God was in him, to execute justice.

Second Reading *Acts 4.1-22*

¹While Peter and John were speaking to the people, the priests, the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees came to them, ²much annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming that in Jesus there is the resurrection of the dead. ³So they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. ⁴But many of those who heard the word believed; and they numbered about five thousand.

⁵The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is

"the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone."

¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

¹³Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John and realized that they were uneducated and ordinary men, they were amazed and recognized them as companions of Jesus. ¹⁴When they saw the man who had been cured standing beside them, they had nothing to say in opposition. ¹⁵So they ordered them to leave the council while they discussed the matter with one another. ¹⁶They said, 'What will we do with them? For it is obvious to all who live in Jerusalem that a notable sign has been done through them; we cannot deny it. ¹⁷But to keep it from spreading further among the people, let us warn them to speak no more to anyone in this name.' ¹⁸So they called them and ordered them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus.

¹⁹But Peter and John answered them, 'Whether it is right in God's sight to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge; ²⁰for we cannot keep from speaking about what we have seen and heard.' ²¹After threatening them again, they let them go, finding no way to punish them because of the people, for all of them praised God for what had happened. ²²For the man on whom this sign of healing had been performed was more than forty years old.

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

Coming up soon:

Eighth Sunday After Trinity	26 th	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
Monday	27 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Tuesday	28 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Wednesday <i>Martha, Mary & Lazarus</i>	29 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		9.45am	Burial of ashes	North Walsall
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Thursday <i>William Wilberforce</i>	30 th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		10am	Drop In	St. Michael's
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
		7.30pm	Deanery Eucharist	St. Gabriel's
Friday	31 st	1pm	Funeral	Streetly
Saturday	1 st		No services	
Ninth Sunday After Trinity	2 nd	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

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