

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

Sunday 12th July – Sixth Sunday after Trinity Services this week

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
		6.30pm	Evening Prayer	St. Michael's
Monday	13 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
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	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 heatwave continues as does the worship of the church.

Readings for Holy Communion – 12th July

The Collect

Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love you
such good things as pass our understanding:
pour into our hearts such love toward you
that we, loving you in all things and above all
things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

First Reading

Isaiah 55.10-13

Thus says the LORD:

¹⁰For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹²For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Psalm 65: 8-13

R: Happy are they who choose to live in your courts

8 You visit the earth and water it;
you make it very plenteous.

9 The river of God is full of water;
you prepare grain for your people,
for so you provide for the earth. **R**

10 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;
you soften the ground with showers and bless its increase.

11 You crown the year with your goodness,
and your paths overflow with plenty. **R**

12 May the pastures of the wilderness flow with goodness
and the hills be girded with joy.

13 May the meadows be clothed with flocks of sheep
and the valleys stand so thick with corn
that they shall laugh and sing. **R**

Second Reading *Romans 8.1-11*

¹There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.

³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who

walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this

reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law – indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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 13.1-9, 18-23

¹Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹Let anyone with ears listen!

¹⁸Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

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

God of our pilgrimage,
you have led us to the living water:
refresh and sustain us
as we go forward on our journey,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Readings for Evening Prayer

Psalm 60

R: Restore us, O God

- 1 O God, you have cast us off and broken us;
you have been angry; restore us to yourself again.
- 2 You have shaken the earth and torn it apart;
heal its wounds, for it trembles. **R**
- 3 You have made your people drink bitter things;
we reel from the deadly wine you have given us.
- 4 You have made those who fear you to flee,
to escape from the range of the bow. **R**
- 5 That your beloved may be delivered,
save us by your right hand and answer us.
- 6 God has spoken in his holiness:
'I will triumph and divide Shechem,
and share out the valley of Succoth. **R**
- 7 'Gilead is mine and Manasseh is mine;
Ephraim is my helmet and Judah my sceptre.
- 8 'Moab shall be my washpot;
over Edom will I cast my sandal;
across Philistia will I shout in triumph.' **R**
- 9 Who will lead me into the strong city?
Who will bring me into Edom?
- 10 Have you not cast us off, O God?
Will you no longer go forth with our troops? **R**
- 11 Grant us your help against the enemy,
for earthly help is in vain.
- 12 Through God will we do great acts,
for it is he that shall tread down our enemies. **R**

First Reading*2 Samuel 7.18-29*

¹⁸Then King David went in and sat before the LORD, and said, 'Who am I, O Lord God, and what is my house, that you have brought me thus far? ¹⁹And yet this was a small thing in your eyes, O Lord God; you have spoken also of your servant's house for a great while to come. May this be instruction for the people, O Lord God! ²⁰And what more can David say to you? For you know your servant, O Lord God! ²¹Because of your promise, and according to your own heart, you have wrought all this greatness, so that your servant may know it. ²²Therefore you are great, O LORD God; for there is no one like you, and there is no God besides you, according to all that we have heard with our ears. ²³Who is like your people, like Israel? Is there another nation on earth whose God went to redeem it as a people, and to make a name for himself, doing great and awesome things for them, by driving out before his people nations and their gods? ²⁴And you established your people Israel for yourself to be your people for ever; and you, O LORD, became their God. ²⁵And now, O LORD God, as for the word that you have spoken concerning your servant and concerning his house, confirm it for ever; do as you have promised. ²⁶Thus your name will be magnified for ever in the saying, "The LORD of hosts is God over Israel"; and the house of your servant David will be established before you. ²⁷For you, O LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, have made this revelation to your servant, saying, "I will build you a house"; therefore your servant has found courage to pray this prayer to you. ²⁸And now, O Lord God, you are God, and your words are true, and you have promised this good thing to your servant; ²⁹now therefore may it please you to bless the house of your servant, so that it may continue for ever before you; for you, O Lord God, have spoken, and with your blessing shall the house of your servant be blessed for ever.'

Second Reading*Luke 19.41-20.8*

⁴¹As he came near and saw the city, he wept over it, ⁴²saying, 'If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. ⁴³Indeed, the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up ramparts around you and surround you, and hem you in on every side. ⁴⁴They will crush you to the ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave within you one stone upon another; because you did not recognize the time of your visitation from God.'

⁴⁵Then he entered the temple and began to drive out those who were selling things there;

⁴⁶and he said, 'It is written,

"My house shall be a house of prayer";

but you have made it a den of robbers.'

⁴⁷Every day he was teaching in the temple. The chief priests, the scribes, and the leaders of the people kept looking for a way to kill him; ⁴⁸but they did not find anything they could do, for all the people were spellbound by what they heard.

¹One day, as he was teaching the people in the temple and telling the good news, the chief priests and the scribes came with the elders ²and said to him, 'Tell us, by what authority are you doing these things? Who is it who gave you this authority?' ³He answered them, 'I will also ask you a question, and you tell me: ⁴Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' ⁵They discussed it with one another, saying, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say, "Why did you not believe him?" ⁶But if we say, "Of human origin", all the people will stone us; for they are convinced that John was a prophet.' ⁷So they answered that they did not know where it came from. ⁸Then Jesus said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.'

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

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:

Seventh Sunday After Trinity	19 th	8am 9am 10.30am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion Holy Communion Evening Prayer	St. Michael's Christ the King St. Michael's St. Michael's
Monday	20 th	8am 3.15pm 6pm	Morning Prayer Funeral Evening Prayer	Zoom Streetly Crematorium Zoom
Tuesday	21 st	8am 9.30am 10am 6pm	Morning Prayer Holy Communion Drop In Evening Prayer	Zoom Christ the King Christ the King Zoom
Wednesday <i>Mary Magdalene</i>	22 nd	8am 6pm	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	Zoom Zoom
Thursday	23 rd	9.30am 10am 2.30pm 6pm	Holy Communion Drop In Ministry Team meet Evening Prayer	St. Michael's St. Michael's Somerset Road Zoom
Friday	24 th		No services	
Saturday <i>James, Apostle</i>	25 th	8am 6pm	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	Zoom Zoom
Eighth Sunday After Trinity	26 th	8am 9am 10.30am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion Holy Communion Evening Prayer	St. Michael's Christ the King St. Michael's St. Michael's

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