

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

Sunday 30th August – Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity Services this week

Thirteenth Sunday After Trinity	30 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	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.
Monday	31 st		No services		
Tuesday	1 st	8am 9.30am 10am 6pm	Morning Prayer Holy Communion Drop In Evening Prayer	Zoom Christ the King Christ the King Zoom	
Wednesday	2 nd		No services		
Thursday <i>Gregory the Great</i>	3 rd	9.30am 10am 6pm	Holy Communion Drop In Evening Prayer	St. Michael's St. Michael's Zoom	
Friday	4 th	8.30am	Bishop Michael On Pilgrimage	St. Michael's Christ the King	
Saturday	5 th	8am 6pm	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	Zoom Zoom	
Fourteenth Sunday After Trinity	6 th	8am 9am 10.30am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion Seeker Service BCP Evening Prayer	St. Michael's Christ the King St. Michael's St. Michael's	

The summer holidays draw to a close and a new academic year begins. In our Gospel this Sunday Jesus teaches his disciples of his coming sacrifice.

Readings for Holy Communion – 30th August

The Collect

Almighty God,
who called your Church to bear witness
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to
yourself:
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;
through him who was lifted up on the cross,
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

First Reading

Jeremiah 15.15-21

¹⁵O LORD, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.
In your forbearance do not take me away;
know that on your account I suffer insult.
¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart;
for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts.
¹⁷I did not sit in the company of merrymakers,
nor did I rejoice;
under the weight of your hand I sat alone,
for you had filled me with indignation.
¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?
Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail.
¹⁹Therefore, thus says the LORD:
If you turn back, I will take you back,
and you shall stand before me.
If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,
you shall serve as my mouth.
It is they who will turn to you,
not you who will turn to them.
²⁰And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you
to save you and deliver you, says the LORD.
²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Psalm 26: 1-8

R: Redeem me, and be merciful to me, O Lord

1 Give judgement for me, O Lord,
for I have walked with integrity;
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.
2 Test me, O Lord, and try me;
examine my heart and my mind. **R**
3 For your love is before my eyes;
I have walked in your truth.
4 I have not joined the company of the false,
nor consorted with the deceitful. **R**
5 I hate the gathering of evildoers
and I will not sit down with the wicked.
6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord,
that I may go about your altar, **R**
7 To make heard the voice of thanksgiving
and tell of all your wonderful deeds.
8 Lord, I love the house of your habitation
and the place where your glory abides. **R**

Second Reading *Romans 12.9-21*

⁹Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' ²⁰No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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 16.21-28

²¹From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' ²³But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

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 our creator,
you feed your children with the true manna,
the living bread from heaven:
let this holy food sustain us through our
earthly pilgrimage
until we come to that place
where hunger and thirst are no more;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Readings for Evening Prayer

Psalm 105: 1-15

R: Make known the deeds of the Lord among the peoples

1 O give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples.

2 Sing to him, sing praises,
and tell of all his marvellous works. **R**

3 Rejoice in the praise of his holy name;
let the hearts of them rejoice who seek the Lord.

4 Seek the Lord and his strength;
seek his face continually. **R**

5 Remember the marvels he has done,
 his wonders and the judgements of his mouth,
 6 O seed of Abraham his servant,
 O children of Jacob his chosen. R
 7 He is the Lord our God;
 his judgements are in all the earth.
 8 He has always been mindful of his covenant,
 the promise that he made for a thousand generations:
 9 The covenant he made with Abraham,
 the oath that he swore to Isaac, R
 10 Which he established as a statute for Jacob,
 an everlasting covenant for Israel,
 11 Saying, 'To you will I give the land of Canaan
 to be the portion of your inheritance.' R
 12 When they were but few in number,
 of little account, and sojourners in the land,
 13 Wandering from nation to nation,
 from one kingdom to another people, R
 14 He suffered no one to do them wrong
 and rebuked even kings for their sake,
 15 Saying, 'Touch not my anointed
 and do my prophets no harm.' R

First Reading *2 Kings 6.24-25; 7.3-20*

²⁴Some time later King Ben-hadad of Aram mustered his entire army; he marched against Samaria and laid siege to it. ²⁵As the siege continued, famine in Samaria became so great that a donkey's head was sold for eighty shekels of silver, and one-fourth of a kab of dove's dung for five shekels of silver.

³Now there were four leprous men outside the city gate, who said to one another, 'Why should we sit here until we die? ⁴If we say, "Let us enter the city", the famine is in the city, and we shall die there; but if we sit here, we shall also die. Therefore, let us desert to the Aramean camp; if they spare our lives, we shall live; and if they kill us, we shall but die.'

⁵So they arose at twilight to go to the Aramean camp; but when they came to the edge of the Aramean camp, there was no one there at all. ⁶For the Lord had caused the Aramean army to hear the sound of chariots and of horses, the sound of a great army, so that they said to one another, 'The king of Israel has hired the kings of the Hittites and the kings of Egypt to fight against us.' ⁷So they fled away in the twilight and abandoned their tents, their horses, and their donkeys, leaving the camp just as it was, and fled for their lives. ⁸When these leprous men had come to the edge of the camp, they went into a tent, ate and drank, carried off silver, gold, and clothing, and went and hid them. Then they came back, entered another tent, carried off things from it, and went and hid them.

⁹Then they said to one another, 'What we are doing is wrong. This is a day of good news; if we are silent and wait until the morning light, we will be found guilty; therefore let us go and tell the king's household.' ¹⁰So they came and called to the gatekeepers of the city, and told them, 'We went to the Aramean camp, but there was no one to be seen or heard there, nothing but the horses tied, the donkeys tied, and the tents as they were.' ¹¹Then the gatekeepers called out and proclaimed it to the king's household. ¹²The king got up in the night, and said to his servants, 'I will tell you what the Arameans have prepared against us. They know that we are starving; so they have left the camp to hide themselves in the open country, thinking, "When they come out of the city, we shall take them alive and get into the city."' ¹³One of his servants said, 'Let some men take five of the remaining horses, since those left here will suffer the fate of the whole multitude of Israel that have perished already; let us send and find out.' ¹⁴So they took two mounted men, and the king sent them after the Aramean army, saying, 'Go and find out.' ¹⁵So they went after them as far as the Jordan; the whole way was littered with garments and equipment that the Arameans had thrown away in their haste. So the messengers returned, and told the king. ¹⁶Then the people went out, and plundered the camp of the Arameans. So a measure of choice meal was sold for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, according to the word of the LORD. ¹⁷Now the king had appointed the captain on whose hand he leaned to have charge of the gate; the people trampled him to death in the gate, just as the man of God had said when the king came down to him. ¹⁸For when the man of God had said to the king, 'Two measures of barley shall be sold for a shekel, and a measure of choice meal for a shekel, about this time tomorrow in the gate of Samaria', ¹⁹the captain had answered the man of God, 'Even if the LORD were to make windows in the sky, could such a thing happen?' And he had answered, 'You shall see it with your own eyes, but you shall not eat from it.' ²⁰It did indeed happen to him; the people trampled him to death in the gate.

Second Reading *Acts 18.1-16*

¹Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. ²There he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them, ³and, because he was of the same trade, he stayed with them, and they worked together – by trade they were tentmakers. ⁴Every sabbath he would argue in the synagogue and would try to convince Jews and Greeks.

⁵When Silas and Timothy arrived from Macedonia, Paul was occupied with proclaiming the word, testifying to the Jews that the Messiah was Jesus. ⁶When they opposed and reviled him, in protest he shook the dust from his clothes and said to them, 'Your blood be on your own heads! I am innocent. From now on I will go to the Gentiles.' ⁷Then he left the synagogue and went to the house of a man named Titius Justus, a worshipper of God; his house was next door to the synagogue. ⁸Crispus, the official of the synagogue, became a believer in the Lord, together with all his household; and many of the Corinthians who heard Paul became believers and were baptized. ⁹One night the Lord said to Paul in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, but speak and do not be silent; ¹⁰for I am with you, and no one will lay a hand on you to harm you, for there are many in this city who are my people.'

¹¹He stayed there for a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

¹²But when Gallio was proconsul of Achaia, the Jews made a united attack on Paul and brought him before the tribunal. ¹³They said, 'This man is persuading people to worship God in ways that are contrary to the law.' ¹⁴Just as Paul was about to speak, Gallio said to the Jews, 'If it were a matter of crime or serious villainy, I would be justified in accepting the complaint of you Jews; ¹⁵but since it is a matter of questions about words and names and your own law, see to it yourselves; I do not wish to be a judge of these matters.'

¹⁶And he dismissed them from the tribunal.

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

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:

Fourteenth Sunday After Trinity	6 th	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	7 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Tuesday <i>Birth of Mary</i>	8 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Wednesday	9 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
		7.30pm	Cluster service	St. Michael's
Thursday	10 th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		10am	Drop In	St. Michael's
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Friday	11 th		No services	
Saturday	12 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Fifteenth Sunday After Trinity	13 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
		4pm	Pet service	St. Michael's
		6.30pm	Evening Prayer	St. Michael's

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