

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

Sunday 16th August – Eleventh Sunday after Trinity Services this week

Eleventh Sunday After Trinity	16th	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	17th	8am 6pm	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	Zoom Zoom	
Tuesday	18th	8am 9.30am 10am 6pm	Morning Prayer Holy Communion Drop In Evening Prayer	Zoom Christ the King Christ the King Zoom	
Wednesday	19th	8am 6pm	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	Zoom Zoom	
Thursday <i>Bernard of Clairvaux, 1153</i>	20th	9.30am 10am 6pm	Holy Communion Drop In Evening Prayer	St. Michael's St. Michael's Zoom	
Friday	21st		No services		
Saturday	22nd	8am 6pm	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	Zoom Zoom	
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Still no sign of rain! Please stay safe in the heat and look out for vulnerable family, friends and neighbours.

Readings for Holy Communion – 16th August

The Collect

O God, you declare your almighty power
most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:
mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace,
that we, running the way of your commandments,
may receive your gracious promises,
and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure;
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 *Isaiah 56.1,6-8*

¹Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,
and hold fast my covenant –

⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

⁸Thus says the Lord GOD,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

Psalm 67

R: Let the peoples praise you, O God, let all the peoples praise you.

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**

Second Reading *Romans 11.1-2a,29-32*

¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ²God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. ²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. ³²For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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 15.(10-20)21-28

¹⁰Then Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, 'Listen and understand: ¹¹it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.' ¹²Then the disciples approached and said to him, 'Do you know that the Pharisees took offence when they heard what you said?' ¹³He answered, 'Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.' ¹⁵But Peter said to him, 'Explain this parable to us.' ¹⁶Then he said, 'Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.'

²¹Jesus went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²A Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' ²³But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' ²⁴He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' ²⁶He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' ²⁷She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish' And her daughter was healed instantly.

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 of all mercy,
we your faithful people have celebrated
that one true sacrifice
which takes away our sins and
brings pardon and peace:
by our communion
keep us firm on the foundation of the
gospel
and preserve us from all sin;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Readings for Evening Prayer

Psalm 90

R: May the favour of the Lord be upon us.

1 Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to another.

2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the earth and the world were formed,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God. **R**

3 You turn us back to dust and say:
'Turn back, O children of earth.'

4 For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday,
which passes like a watch in the night. **R**

5 You sweep them away like a dream;
they fade away suddenly like the grass.

6 In the morning it is green and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried up and withered. **R**

7 For we consume away in your displeasure;
we are afraid at your wrathful indignation.

8 You have set our misdeeds before you
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance. **R**

9 When you are angry, all our days are gone;
our years come to an end like a sigh.

10 The days of our life are three score years and ten,
or if our strength endures, even four score;
yet the sum of them is but labour and sorrow,
for they soon pass away and we are gone. **R**

11 Who regards the power of your wrath
and your indignation like those who fear you?

12 So teach us to number our days
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. **R**

13 Turn again, O Lord; how long will you delay?
Have compassion on your servants.

14 Satisfy us with your loving-kindness in the morning;
that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. **R**

15 Give us gladness for the days you have afflicted us
and for the years in which we have seen adversity.

16 Show your servants your works
and let your glory be over their children. **R**

17 May the gracious favour of the Lord our God be upon us;
prosper our handiwork; O prosper the work of our hands. **R**

First Reading

2 Kings 4.1-37

¹The wife of a member of the company of prophets cried to Elisha, 'Your servant my husband is dead; and you know that your servant feared the LORD, but a creditor has come to take my two children as slaves.' ²Elisha said to her, 'What shall I do for you? Tell me, what do you have in the house?' She answered, 'Your servant has nothing in the house, except a jar of oil.' ³He said, 'Go outside, borrow vessels from all your neighbours, empty vessels and not just a few.' ⁴Then go in, and shut the door behind you and your children, and start pouring into all these vessels; when each is full, set it aside.' ⁵So she left him and shut the door behind her and her children; they kept bringing vessels to her, and she kept pouring. ⁶When the vessels were full, she said to her son, 'Bring me another vessel.' But he said to her, 'There are no more.' Then the oil stopped flowing. ⁷She came and told the man of God, and he said, 'Go, sell the oil and pay your debts, and you and your children can live on the rest.'

⁸One day Elisha was passing through Shunem, where a wealthy woman lived, who urged him to have a meal. So whenever he passed that way, he would stop there for a meal. ⁹She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure that this man who regularly passes our way is a holy man of God.' ¹⁰Let us make a small roof chamber with walls, and put there for him a bed, a table, a chair, and a lamp, so that he can stay there whenever he comes to us.'

¹¹One day when he came there, he went up to the chamber and lay down there. ¹²He said to his servant Gehazi, 'Call the Shunammite woman.' When he had called her, she stood before him. ¹³He said to him, 'Say to her, Since you have taken all this trouble for us, what may be done for you? Would you have a word spoken on your behalf to the king or to the commander of the army?' She answered, 'I live among my own people.' ¹⁴He said, 'What then may be done for her?' Gehazi answered, 'Well, she has no son, and her husband is old.' ¹⁵He said, 'Call her.' When he had called her, she stood at the door. ¹⁶He said, 'At this season, in due time, you shall embrace a son.' She replied, 'No, my lord, O man of God; do not deceive your servant.'

¹⁷The woman conceived and bore a son at that season, in due time, as Elisha had declared to her.

¹⁸When the child was older, he went out one day to his father among the reapers. ¹⁹He complained to his father, 'Oh, my head, my head!' The father said to his servant, 'Carry him to his mother.' ²⁰He carried him and brought him to his mother; the child sat on her lap until noon, and he died. ²¹She went up and laid him on the bed of the man of God, closed the door on him, and left. ²²Then she called to her husband, and said, 'Send me one of the servants and one of the donkeys, so that I may quickly go to the man of God and come back again.' ²³He said, 'Why go to him today? It is neither new moon nor sabbath.' She said, 'It will be all right.' ²⁴Then she saddled the donkey and said to her servant, 'Urge the animal on; do not hold back for me unless I tell you.' ²⁵So she set out, and came to the man of God at Mount Carmel.

When the man of God saw her coming, he said to Gehazi his servant, 'Look, there is the Shunammite woman; ²⁶run at once to meet her, and say to her, Are you all right? Is your husband all right? Is the child all right?' She answered, 'It is all right.' ²⁷When she came to the man of God at the mountain, she caught hold of his feet. Gehazi approached to push her away. But the man of God said, 'Let her alone, for she is in bitter distress; the LORD has hidden it from me and has not told me.'

²⁸Then she said, 'Did I ask my lord for a son? Did I not say, Do not mislead me?' ²⁹He said to Gehazi, 'Gird up your loins, and take my staff in your hand, and go. If you meet anyone, give no greeting, and if anyone greets you, do not answer; and lay my staff on the face of the child.' ³⁰Then the mother of the child said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave without you.' So he rose up and followed her. ³¹Gehazi went on ahead and laid the staff on the face of the child, but there was no sound or sign of life. He came back to meet him and told him, 'The child has not awakened.'

³²When Elisha came into the house, he saw the child lying dead on his bed. ³³So he went in and closed the door on the two of them, and prayed to the LORD. ³⁴Then he got up on the bed and lay upon the child, putting his mouth upon his mouth, his eyes upon his eyes, and his hands upon his hands; and while he lay bent over him, the flesh of the child became warm. ³⁵He got down, walked once to and fro in the room, then got up again and bent over him; the child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes. ³⁶Elisha summoned Gehazi and said, 'Call the Shunammite woman.' So he called her. When she came to him, he said, 'Take your son.' ³⁷She came and fell at his feet, bowing to the ground; then she took her son and left.

Second Reading *Acts 16.1-15*

¹Paul went on also to Derbe and to Lystra, where there was a disciple named Timothy, the son of a Jewish woman who was a believer; but his father was a Greek. ²He was well spoken of by the believers in Lystra and Iconium. ³Paul wanted Timothy to accompany him; and he took him and had him circumcised because of the Jews who were in those places, for they all knew that his father was a Greek. ⁴As they went from town to town, they delivered to them for observance the decisions that had been reached by the apostles and elders who were in Jerusalem. ⁵So the churches were strengthened in the faith and increased in numbers daily.

⁶They went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. ⁷When they had come opposite Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them; ⁸so, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. ⁹During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' ¹⁰When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

¹¹We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

Coming up soon:

Twelfth	23 rd	8am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
Sunday		9am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
After Trinity		10.30am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		6.30pm	Evening Prayer	St. Michael's
Monday	24 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
<i>Bartholomew</i>		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Tuesday	25 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		2pm	Memory Café	St. Michael's
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Wednesday	26 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Thursday	27 th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
<i>Monica, 387</i>		10am	Drop In	St. Michael's
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Friday	28 th		No services	
<i>Augustine, 430</i>				
Saturday	29 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
<i>Beheading of</i>		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
<i>John the Baptist</i>		6.30pm	Summer Supper	St. Michael's
Thirteenth	30 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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