

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

Sunday 6th September – Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity Services this week

Fourteenth Sunday After Trinity	6th	8am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's Christ the King St. Michael's St. Michael's
		9am	Holy Communion	
		10.30am	Seeker Service	
		6.30pm	BCP Evensong	
Monday	7th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Tuesday <i>Birth of Mary</i>	8th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Wednesday	9th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		7.30pm	Cluster Service	St. Michael's
Thursday	10th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		10am	Drop In	St. Michael's
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Friday	11th	12 noon	Funeral	Streetly Crem
Saturday	12th		No services	
Fifteenth Sunday After Trinity	13th	8am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		9am	Holy Communion	Christ the King
		10.30am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		4pm	Pet Service	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 summer has ended and autumn is here.

Readings for Holy Communion – 6th September

The Collect

Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
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 *Romans 13.8-14*

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; ¹³let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy.

¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.

You have the words of eternal life. **Alleluia.**

Gospel *Matthew 18.15-20*

Jesus spoke to his disciples. ¹⁵'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

Prayer of preparation

Blessed be God,
who feeds the hungry,
who raises the poor,
who fills our praise.
Blessed be God for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching
and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Readings for Evening Prayer**Psalm 108**

- 1 O God, my heart is ready, my heart is ready : I will sing and give praise with the best member that I have.
- 2 Awake, thou lute, and harp : I myself will awake right early.
- 3 I will give thanks unto thee, O Lord, among the people : I will sing praises unto thee among the nations.
- 4 For thy mercy is greater than the heavens : and thy truth reacheth unto the clouds.
- 5 Set up thyself, O God, above the heavens : and thy glory above all the earth.
- 6 That thy beloved may be delivered : let thy right hand save them, and hear thou me.
- 7 God hath spoken in his holiness : I will rejoice therefore, and divide Sichem, and mete out the valley of Succoth.
- 8 Gilead is mine, and Manasses is mine : Ephraim also is the strength of my head.
- 9 Judah is my law-giver, Moab is my wash-pot : over Edom will I cast out my shoe, upon Philistia will I triumph.
- 10 Who will lead me into the strong city : and who will bring me into Edom?
- 11 Hast not thou forsaken us, O God : and wilt not thou, O God, go forth with our hosts?
- 12 O help us against the enemy : for vain is the help of man.
- 13 Through God we shall do great acts : and it is he that shall tread down our enemies.

First Reading

Ezekiel 12.21-13.16

²¹The word of the LORD came to me: ²²Mortal, what is this proverb of yours about the land of Israel, which says, 'The days are prolonged, and every vision comes to nothing'?

²³Tell them therefore, 'Thus says the Lord God: I will put an end to this proverb, and they shall use it no more as a proverb in Israel.' But say to them, The days are near, and the fulfilment of every vision. ²⁴For there shall no longer be any false vision or flattering divination within the house of Israel. ²⁵But I the LORD will speak the word that I speak, and it will be fulfilled. It will no longer be delayed; but in your days, O rebellious house, I will speak the word and fulfil it, says the Lord God.

²⁶The word of the LORD came to me: ²⁷Mortal, the house of Israel is saying, 'The vision that he sees is for many years ahead; he prophesies for distant times.' ²⁸Therefore say to them, Thus says the Lord God: None of my words will be delayed any longer, but the word that I speak will be fulfilled, says the Lord God.

¹The word of the LORD came to me: ²Mortal, prophesy against the prophets of Israel who are prophesying; say to those who prophesy out of their own imagination: 'Hear the word of the LORD!' ³Thus says the Lord God, Alas for the senseless prophets who follow their own spirit, and have seen nothing! ⁴Your prophets have been like jackals among ruins, O Israel. ⁵You have not gone up into the breaches, or repaired a wall for the house of Israel, so that it might stand in battle on the day of the LORD. ⁶They have prophesied falsehood and lying divination; they say, 'Says the LORD', when the LORD has not sent them, and yet they wait for the fulfilment of their word! ⁷Have you not seen a false vision or uttered a lying divination, when you have said, 'Says the LORD', even though I did not speak?

⁸Therefore thus says the Lord God: Because you have uttered falsehood and prophesied lies, I am against you, says the Lord God. ⁹My hand will be against the prophets who see false visions and utter lying divinations; they shall not be in the council of my people, nor be enrolled in the register of the house of Israel, nor shall they enter the land of Israel; and you shall know that I am the Lord God. ¹⁰Because, in truth, because they have misled my people, saying, 'Peace', when there is no peace; and because, when the people build a wall, these prophets smear whitewash on it. ¹¹Say to those who smear whitewash on it that it shall fall. There will be a deluge of rain, great hailstones will fall, and a stormy wind will break out. ¹²When the wall falls, will it not be said to you, 'Where is the whitewash you smeared on it?' ¹³Therefore thus says the Lord God: In my wrath I will make a stormy wind break out, and in my anger there shall be a deluge of rain, and hailstones in wrath to destroy it. ¹⁴I will break down the wall that you have smeared with whitewash, and bring it to the ground, so that its foundation will be laid bare; when it falls, you shall perish within it; and you shall know that I am the LORD.

¹⁵Thus I will spend my wrath upon the wall, and upon those who have smeared it with whitewash; and I will say to you, The wall is no more, nor those who smeared it – ¹⁶the prophets of Israel who prophesied concerning Jerusalem and saw visions of peace for it, when there was no peace, says the Lord God.

Second Reading

Acts 19.1-20

¹While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the inland regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ²He said to them, 'Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?' They replied, 'No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.' ³Then he said, 'Into what then were you baptized?' They answered, 'Into John's baptism.' ⁴Paul said, 'John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.' ⁵On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied – ⁷altogether there were about twelve of them.

⁸He entered the synagogue and for three months spoke out boldly, and argued persuasively about the kingdom of God. ⁹When some stubbornly refused to believe and spoke evil of the Way before the congregation, he left them, taking the disciples with him, and argued daily in the lecture hall of Tyrannus. ¹⁰This continued for two years, so that all the residents of Asia, both Jews and Greeks, heard the word of the Lord.

¹¹God did extraordinary miracles through Paul, ¹²so that when the handkerchiefs or aprons that had touched his skin were brought to the sick, their diseases left them, and the evil spirits came out of them. ¹³Then some itinerant Jewish exorcists tried to use the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, 'I adjure you by the Jesus whom Paul proclaims.' ¹⁴Seven sons of a Jewish high priest named Sceva were doing this.

¹⁵But the evil spirit said to them in reply, 'Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?' ¹⁶Then the man with the evil spirit leapt on them, mastered them all, and so overpowered them that they fled out of the house naked and wounded. ¹⁷When this became known to all residents of Ephesus, both Jews and Greeks, everyone was awestruck; and the name of the Lord Jesus was praised. ¹⁸Also many of those who became believers confessed and disclosed their practices. ¹⁹A number of those who practised magic collected their books and burned them publicly; when the value of these books was calculated, it was found to come to fifty thousand silver coins. ²⁰So the word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed.

**The Churches of St. Michael the Archangel
and Christ the King, Rushall invite you to
join in a cluster celebration of the
Feast of Creation in Christ
in a service of Holy Communion
at St. Michael's, Leigh Road Walsall
on Wednesday 9th September at 7.30pm.**

**Our guest speaker is Polly Eaton,
A Rocha's Diocese Eco Officer
A Rocha is the Christian Environment Charity
that organises the Eco Awards to churches.**

Refreshments provided after the service.



**ST MICHAEL'S
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**ANNUAL PET SERVICE
13th September at 4pm.**

**Sign up or let us know you
are coming. All animals
welcome.**

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

A request for help from Ella Hardisty:

I am looking for a volunteer to lead our choir as our MD is leaving. It's a lovely choir and I think the people who attend would really miss it.

Musical Director needed.

Stonnall Singers meet weekly in Stonnall currently on a Thursday. It is a long-established choir with a brilliant pianist. We need a volunteer to lead our rehearsals and approx. four little concerts per year. For more information please contact Ela 07814 799418.

Coming up soon:

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
Monday	14 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Tuesday	15 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		9.30am	Holy Communion	Christ the King
		10am	Drop In	Christ the King
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Wednesday	16 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Thursday	17 th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		10am	Drop In	St. Michael's
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Friday	18 th	1pm	Funeral	Streetly Crem
Saturday	19 th		No services	
Sixteenth Sunday After Trinity	20 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

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