

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

Sunday 18th October – Luke the Evangelist Services this week

Luke the Evangelist	18 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	19 th	8am 6pm	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	Zoom Zoom	
Tuesday	20 th	8am 10am 10.30am 6pm	Morning Prayer Holy Communion Drop In Evening Prayer	Zoom Christ the King Christ the King Zoom	
Wednesday	21 st	8am 6pm	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	Zoom Zoom	
Thursday	22 nd	9.30am 10am 6pm	Holy Communion Drop In Evening Prayer	St. Michael's St. Michael's Zoom	
Friday	23 rd		No services		
Saturday	24 th	8am 6pm	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	Zoom Zoom	
Bible Sunday	25 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	

18th October is the feast of St. Luke the Evangelist; the writer of the Gospel bearing his name and the Book of the Acts of the Apostles detailing the beginnings of the Church.

Readings for Holy Communion – 18th October

The Collect

Almighty God,
you called Luke the physician,
whose praise is in the gospel,
to be an evangelist and physician of the soul:
by the grace of the Spirit
and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel,
give your Church the same love and power to heal;
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 35.3-6

³Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.

⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
'Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.'

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert.

Psalm 147: 1-7

R: Sing praise to the Lord, O Jerusalem

1 How good it is to make music for our God,
how joyful to honour him with praise.

2 The Lord builds up Jerusalem
and gathers together the outcasts of Israel.

3 He heals the brokenhearted
and binds up all their wounds. **R**

4 He counts the number of the stars
and calls them all by their names.

5 Great is our Lord and mighty in power;
his wisdom is beyond all telling. **R**

6 The Lord lifts up the poor,
but casts down the wicked to the ground.

7 Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;
make music to our God upon the lyre; **R**

Second Reading *2 Timothy 4.5-17*

⁵As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

⁶As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

⁹Do your best to come to me soon, ¹⁰for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. ¹¹Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry. ¹²I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. ¹³When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. ¹⁴Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will pay him back for his deeds. ¹⁵You also must beware of him, for he strongly opposed our message.

¹⁶At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! ¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

I have called you friends, says the Lord,
for all that I have heard from my Father
I have made known to you. **Alleluia.**

Gospel

Luke 10.1-9

¹The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ²He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. ³Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. ⁵Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" ⁶And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. ⁷Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. ⁸Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; ⁹cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you."

Prayer of preparation

Father, accept all we bring before you
this day.
Guide us with your love and feed us at
your table
as you nourish the faith of the Church
by the preaching of your apostles.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our
Lord. **Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God,
who on the day of Pentecost
sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles
with the wind from heaven and in tongues of
flame,
filling them with joy and boldness to preach
the gospel:
by the power of the same Spirit
strengthen us to witness to your truth
and to draw everyone to the fire of your
love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Readings for Evening Prayer

Psalm 103

R: The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

1 Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me bless his holy name.

2 Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits; **R**

3 Who forgives all your sins
and heals all your infirmities;

4 Who redeems your life from the Pit
and crowns you with faithful love and compassion; **R**

5 Who satisfies you with good things,
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

6 The Lord executes righteousness
and judgement for all who are oppressed. **R**

7 He made his ways known to Moses
and his works to the children of Israel.

8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and of great kindness. **R**

9 He will not always accuse us,
neither will he keep his anger for ever.

10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins,
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness. **R**

11 For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his mercy upon those who fear him.

12 As far as the east is from the west,
so far has he set our sins from us. **R**

13 As a father has compassion on his children,
so is the Lord merciful towards those who fear him.

14 For he knows of what we are made;
he remembers that we are but dust. **R**

15 Our days are but as grass;
we flourish as a flower of the field;

16 For as soon as the wind goes over it, it is gone,
and its place shall know it no more. **R**

17 But the merciful goodness of the Lord is from of old
and endures for ever on those who fear him,
and his righteousness on children's children;

18 On those who keep his covenant
and remember his commandments to do them. **R**

19 The Lord has established his throne in heaven,
and his kingdom has dominion over all.

20 Bless the Lord, you angels of his,
you mighty ones who do his bidding
and hearken to the voice of his word. **R**
21 Bless the Lord, all you his hosts,
you ministers of his who do his will.
22 Bless the Lord, all you works of his,
in all places of his dominion;
bless the Lord, O my soul. **R**

First Reading *Ecclesiasticus 38.1-14*

¹Honour physicians for their services,
for the Lord created them;
²for their gift of healing comes from the Most High,
and they are rewarded by the king.
³The skill of physicians makes them distinguished,
and in the presence of the great they are admired.
⁴The Lord created medicines out of the earth,
and the sensible will not despise them.
⁵Was not water made sweet with a tree
in order that its power might be known?
⁶And he gave skill to human beings
that he might be glorified in his marvellous works.
⁷By them the physician heals and takes away pain;
⁸the pharmacist makes a mixture from them.
God's works will never be finished;
and from him health spreads over all the earth.
⁹My child, when you are ill, do not delay,
but pray to the Lord, and he will heal you.
¹⁰Give up your faults and direct your hands rightly,
and cleanse your heart from all sin.
¹¹Offer a sweet-smelling sacrifice, and a memorial portion of choice flour,
and pour oil on your offering, as much as you can afford.
¹²Then give the physician his place, for the Lord created him;
do not let him leave you, for you need him.
¹³There may come a time when recovery lies in the hands of physicians,
¹⁴for they too pray to the Lord
that he will grant them success in diagnosis
and in healing, for the sake of preserving life.

Second Reading *Colossians 4.7-18*

⁷Tychicus will tell you all the news about me; he is a beloved brother, a faithful minister, and a fellow-servant in the Lord. ⁸I have sent him to you for this very purpose, so that you may know how we are and that he may encourage your hearts; ⁹he is coming with Onesimus, the faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They will tell you about everything here.

¹⁰Aristarchus my fellow-prisoner greets you, as does Mark the cousin of Barnabas, concerning whom you have received instructions – if he comes to you, welcome him.

¹¹And Jesus who is called Justus greets you. These are the only ones of the circumcision among my co-workers for the kingdom of God, and they have been a comfort to me.

¹²Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ Jesus, greets you. He is always wrestling in his prayers on your behalf, so that you may stand mature and fully assured in everything that God wills. ¹³For I testify for him that he has worked hard for you and for those in Laodicea and in Hierapolis. ¹⁴Luke, the beloved physician, and Demas greet you. ¹⁵Give my greetings to the brothers and sisters in Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her house. ¹⁶And when this letter has been read among you, have it read also in the church of the Laodiceans; and see that you read also the letter from Laodicea. ¹⁷And say to Archippus, 'See that you complete the task that you have received in the Lord.'

¹⁸I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. Remember my chains. Grace be with you.

Annual Memorial Service Candles of Remembrance



A time to remember loved ones

**6.30pm Sunday 1st November
Followed by refreshments
St. Michael's**

Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 8 November
St. Michael's

Sung Holy Communion starting at 10.30am and
pausing at 10.50am to gather at the Calvary
Cross War Memorial in the churchyard for the 2
minutes silence at 11am then continuing in
church and ending with a commitment to peace.

The service is followed by refreshments in the
church hall.

Coming up soon:

Bible Sunday	25 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	26 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Tuesday	27 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		10am	Holy Communion	Christ the King
		10.30am	Drop In	Christ the King
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Wednesday <i>Simon & Jude</i>	28 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Thursday	29 th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		10am	Drop In	St. Michael's
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Friday	30 th		No services	
Saturday	31 st	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
All Saints' Sunday	1 st	8am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		9am	Holy Communion	Christ the King
		10.30am	Seeker Service	St. Michael's
		6.30pm	Memorial Service	St. Michael's

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