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

Sunday 1st November – All Saints' Day

Services this week

All Saints' Day	**1st**	**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**
Monday	**2nd**	**8am**	**Morning Prayer**	**Zoom**
All Souls' Day		**6pm**	**Evening Prayer**	**Zoom**
Tuesday	**3rd**	**8am**	**Morning Prayer**	**Zoom**
		10am	**Holy Communion**	**Christ the King**
		10.30am	**Drop In**	**Christ the King**
		6pm	**Evening Prayer**	**Zoom**
Wednesday	**4th**	**8am**	**Morning Prayer**	**Zoom**
		6pm	**Evening Prayer**	**Zoom**
Thursday	**5th**	**9.30am**	**Holy Communion**	**St. Michael's**
		10am	**Drop In**	**St. Michael's**
		6pm	**Evening Prayer**	**Zoom**
Friday	**6th**		**No services**	
Saturday	**7th**	**8am**	**Morning Prayer**	**Zoom**
		12 noon	**Drop In Lunch**	**Christ the King**
		6pm	**Evening Prayer**	**Zoom**
Third Sunday Before Advent (Remembrance Sunday)	**8th**	**8am**	**Holy Communion**	**St. Michael's**
		9am	**Holy Communion**	**Christ the King**
		10.30am	**Holy Communion**	**St. Michael's**
		10.50am	**Act of Remembrance**	**Christ the King**
		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.

"we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses …"

Readings for Holy Communion – 1st November

The Collect

Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;
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 *Revelation 7.9-17*

9After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from
every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and
before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. 10They cried out in
a loud voice, saying,

'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!'

11And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living
creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, 12singing,

'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honour
and power and might
be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

13Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and
where have they come from?' 14I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he
said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed
their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

15For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
16They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;
17for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.
You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood,
a holy nation, God's own people,
called out of darkness into his marvellous light.
Alleluia.

Gospel *Matthew 5.1-12*

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them, saying:
"Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.
Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.
Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called sons of God.
Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Prayer of preparation

To you we come, Father of lights,
with angels and saints,
where heaven and earth unite.
May Jesus meet us in the breaking
of the bread.

Post Communion Prayer

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things:
may we who have shared at this table
as strangers and pilgrims here on earth
be welcomed with all your saints
to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Coming up soon:

Third Sunday Before Advent	8th	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	9th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Tuesday	10th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
		7.30pm	Deanery Synod	St. Paul's
Wednesday	11th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Thursday	12th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		10am	Drop In	St. Michael's
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Friday	13th		No services	
Saturday	14th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
The Second Sunday before Advent	15th	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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