

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

Sunday 25th October – Bible Sunday Services this week

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

British Summer Time ends as we come to the "Last Sunday after Trinity" as next Sunday begins the "Kingdom" Season.

Readings for Holy Communion – 25th October

The Collect

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our
learning:
help us so to hear them,
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them
that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy
word,
we may embrace and for ever hold fast
the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

First Reading

Nehemiah 8.1-4a(5-6)8-12

¹All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. ²Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. ⁴The scribe Ezra stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the purpose. ⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen,' lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the LORD with their faces to the ground. ⁸So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. ⁹And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.' ¹¹So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, 'Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be grieved.' ¹²And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.

Psalm 119: 9-16

R: Lead me, O Lord, in the path of your commandments

9 How shall young people cleanse their way
to keep themselves according to your word?

10 With my whole heart have I sought you;

O let me not go astray from your commandments. **R**

11 Your words have I hidden within my heart,
that I should not sin against you.

12 Blessed are you, O Lord;

O teach me your statutes. **R**

13 With my lips have I been telling
of all the judgements of your mouth.

14 I have taken greater delight in the way of your testimonies
than in all manner of riches. **R**

15 I will meditate on your commandments
and contemplate your ways.

16 My delight shall be in your statutes
and I will not forget your word. **R**

Second Reading *Colossians 3.12-17*

¹²As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

We do not live by bread alone,

but by every word that comes from the mouth of God..

Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 24.30-35

Jesus said to his disciples: ³⁰‘The sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see “the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven” with power and great glory. ³¹And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

³²‘From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ³³So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁴Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³⁵Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.’

Prayer of preparation

Look upon us in mercy not in judgement;
draw us from hatred to love;
make the frailty of our praise
a dwelling place for your glory.
Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

God of all grace,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and living bread;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
Amen.

Readings for Evening Prayer

Psalm 119: 97-104

R: Lead me, O Lord, in the path of your commandments

97 Lord, how I love your law!

All the day long it is my study.

98 Your commandments have made me wiser than my enemies,
for they are ever with me. **R**

99 I have more understanding than all my teachers,
for your testimonies are my meditation.

100 I am wiser than the aged,
because I keep your commandments. **R**

101 I restrain my feet from every evil way,
that I may keep your word.

102 I have not turned aside from your judgements,
for you have been my teacher. **R**

103 How sweet are your words on my tongue!
They are sweeter than honey to my mouth.

104 Through your commandments I get understanding;
therefore I hate all lying ways. **R**

First Reading *Isaiah 55.1-11*

The LORD says this:

- ¹Everyone who thirsts,
 come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
 come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
 without money and without price.
- ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
 and your labour for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
 and delight yourselves in rich food.
- ³Incline your ear, and come to me;
 listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
 my steadfast, sure love for David.
- ⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
 a leader and commander for the peoples.
- ⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
 and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
 for he has glorified you.
- ⁶Seek the LORD while he may be found,
 call upon him while he is near;
- ⁷Let the wicked forsake their way,
 and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,
 and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
- ⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
 nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.
- ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
 so are my ways higher than your ways
 and my thoughts than your thoughts.
- ¹⁰For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
 and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
 giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
- ¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
 it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
 and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

Second Reading *Luke 4.14-30*

¹⁴Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,

¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.' ²²All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, 'Is not this Joseph's son?' ²³He said to them, 'Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, "Doctor, cure yourself!" And you will say, "Do here also in your home town the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum."' ²⁴And he said, 'Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's home town. ²⁵But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up for three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; ²⁶yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.' ²⁸When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. ³⁰But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

**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.

Christmas Fayre



**Saturday 21st November
11am -1pm
St. Michael's Church and
Hall**

Coming up soon:

All Saints' Day	1 st	8am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		9am	Holy Communion	Christ the King
		10.30am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		6.30pm	Memorial Service	St. Michael's
Monday <i>All Souls' Day</i>	2 nd	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Tuesday	3 rd	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		10am	Holy Communion	Christ the King
		10.30am	Drop In	Christ the King
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Wednesday	4	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Thursday	5 th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		10am	Drop In	St. Michael's
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Friday	6 th		No services	
Saturday	7 th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Third Sunday Before Advent Remembrance Sunday	8 th	8am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		9am	Holy Communion	Christ the King
		10.30am	Seeker Service	St. Michael's
		10.50am	Act of Remembrance	Near Christ the King
		6.30pm	Memorial Service	St. Michael's

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