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

Sunday 8th November – Third Sunday before Advent

Services this week

The Third Before Advent (Remembrance)	**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**
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**

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.

Today in both parts of the parish we keep the two minutes silence.
"We will remember them"

Readings for Holy Communion – 8th November

The Collect

Almighty Father,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of all:
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,
and bring the families of the nations,
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

First Reading *Wisdom of Solomon 6.12-16*

12 Wisdom is radiant and unfading,
and she is easily discerned by those who love her,
and is found by those who seek her.
13 She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her.
14 One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty,
for she will be found sitting at the gate.
15 To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding,
and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care,
16 because she goes about seeking those worthy of her,
and she graciously appears to them in their paths,
and meets them in every thought.

Wisdom of Solomon 6: 17-20

R: The love of wisdom brings us nearer to God

17 The beginning of wisdom is the most sincere desire for instruction,
and concern for instruction is love of her, **R**

18 and love of her is the keeping of her laws,
and giving heed to her laws is assurance of immortality, **R**

19 and immortality brings one near to God;
20 so the desire for wisdom leads to a kingdom. **R**

Second Reading *1 Thessalonians 4.13-18*

13We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who
have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14For since
we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring
with him those who have died. 15For this we declare to you by the word of the
Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no
means precede those who have died. 16For the Lord himself, with a cry of
command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will
descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17Then we who are
alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the
Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. 18Therefore encourage
one another with these words.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.
Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven. **Alleluia.**

Gospel *Matthew 25.1-13*

Jesus spoke this parable to the disciples: 1'The kingdom of heaven will be like this.
Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2Five of them
were foolish, and five were wise. 3When the foolish took their lamps, they took no
oil with them; 4but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5As the bridegroom
was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. 6But at midnight there was a
shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." 7Then all those
bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. 8The foolish said to the wise, "Give us
some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." 9But the wise replied, "No! there will
not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for
yourselves." 10And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who
were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. 11Later
the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." 12But he replied,
"Truly I tell you, I do not know you." 13Keep awake therefore, for you know neither
the day nor the hour.'

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 peace,
whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom
and restored the broken to wholeness of life:
look with compassion on the anguish of the world,
and by your healing power
make whole both people and nations;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Readings for Evening Prayer

Psalm *82*
R: Arise, O God and judge the earth

1 God has taken his stand in the council of heaven;
in the midst of the gods he gives judgement:
2 'How long will you judge unjustly
and show such favour to the wicked?
3 'You were to judge the weak and the orphan;
defend the right of the humble and needy; **R**
4 'Rescue the weak and the poor;
deliver them from the hand of the wicked.
5 'They have no knowledge or wisdom;
they walk on still in darkness:
all the foundations of the earth are shaken. **R**
6 'Therefore I say that though you are gods
and all of you children of the Most High,
7 'Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals
and fall like one of their princes.'
8 Arise, O God and judge the earth,
for it is you that shall take all nations for your possession. **R**

First Reading *Judges 7.2-22*

[2]The LORD said to Gideon, 'The troops with you are too many for me to give the Midianites into their hand. Israel would only take the credit away from me, saying, "My own hand has delivered me." [3]Now therefore proclaim this in the hearing of the troops, "Whoever is fearful and trembling, let him return home."' Thus Gideon sifted them out; twenty-two thousand returned, and ten thousand remained.

[4]Then the LORD said to Gideon, 'The troops are still too many; take them down to the water and I will sift them out for you there. When I say, "This one shall go with you", he shall go with you; and when I say, "This one shall not go with you", he shall not go.' [5]So he brought the troops down to the water; and the LORD said to Gideon, 'All those who lap the water with their tongues, as a dog laps, you shall put to one side; all those who kneel down to drink, putting their hands to their mouths, you shall put to the other side.' [6]The number of those that lapped was three hundred; but all the rest of the troops knelt down to drink water. [7]Then the LORD said to Gideon, 'With the three hundred that lapped I will deliver you, and give the Midianites into your hand. Let all the others go to their homes.' [8]So he took the jars of the troops from their hands, and their trumpets; and he sent all the rest of Israel back to their own tents, but retained the three hundred. The camp of Midian was below him in the valley.

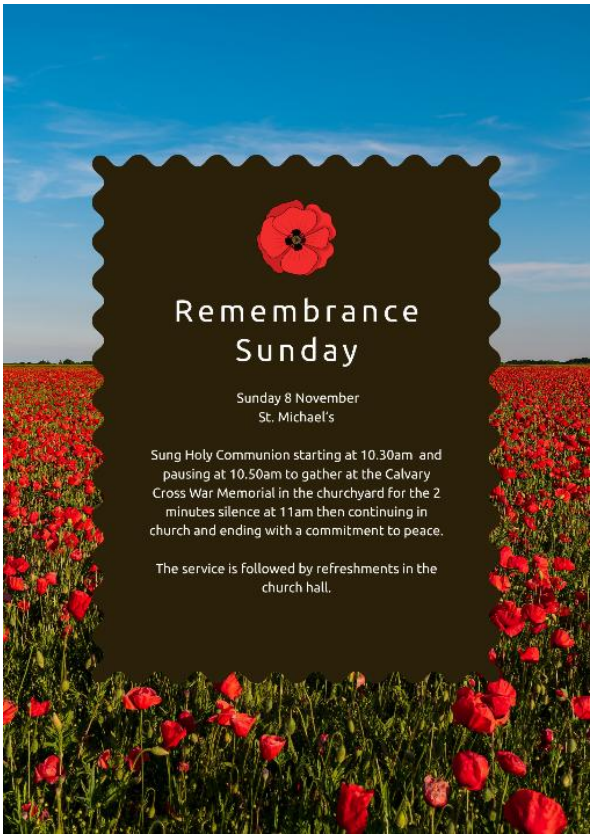
[9]That same night the LORD said to him, 'Get up, attack the camp; for I have given it into your hand. [10]But if you fear to attack, go down to the camp with your servant Purah; [11]and you shall hear what they say, and afterwards your hands shall be strengthened to attack the camp.' Then he went down with his servant Purah to the outposts of the armed men that were in the camp. [12]The Midianites and the Amalekites and all the people of the east lay along the valley as thick as locusts; and their camels were without number, countless as the sand on the seashore. [13]When Gideon arrived, there was a man telling a dream to his comrade; and he said, 'I had a dream, and in it a cake of barley bread tumbled into the camp of Midian, and came to the tent, and struck it so that it fell; it turned upside down, and the tent collapsed.' [14]And his comrade answered, 'This is no other than the sword of Gideon son of Joash, a man of Israel; into his hand God has given Midian and all the army.' [15]When Gideon heard the telling of the dream and its interpretation, he worshipped; and he returned to the camp of Israel, and said, 'Get up; for the LORD has given the army of Midian into your hand.' [16]After he divided the three hundred men into three companies, and put trumpets into the hands of all of them, and empty jars, with torches inside the jars, [17]he said to them, 'Look at me, and do the same; when I come to the outskirts of the camp, do as I do. [18]When I blow the trumpet, I and all who are with me, then you also blow the trumpets around the whole camp, and shout, "For the LORD and for Gideon!"' [19]So Gideon and the hundred who were with him came to the outskirts of the camp at the beginning of the middle watch, when they had just set the watch; and they blew the trumpets and smashed the jars that were in their hands. [20]So the three companies blew the trumpets and broke the jars, holding in their left hands the torches, and in their right hands the trumpets to blow; and they cried, 'A sword for the LORD and for Gideon!' [21]Every man stood in his place all around the camp, and all the men in camp ran; they cried out and fled. [22]When they blew the three hundred trumpets, the LORD set every man's sword against his fellow and against all the army; and the army fled as far as Beth-shittah towards Zererah, as far as the border of Abel-meholah, by Tabbath.

Second Reading *John 15.9-17*

Jesus said to his disciples: [9]'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. [10]If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. [11]I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

[12]'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. [13]No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. [14]You are my friends if you do what I command you. [15]I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. [16]You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. [17]I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.'


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


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:

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
Monday	16th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Tuesday	17th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		10am	Holy Communion	Christ the King
		10.30am	Drop In	Christ the King
		3pm	Chavasse Trust	Christ the King
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Wednesday *Simon & Jude*	18th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Thursday	19th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		10am	Drop In	St. Michael's
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Friday	20th		No services	
Saturday	21st	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		11am	Christmas Fayre	
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Christ the King	22nd	8am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		9am	Holy Communion	Christ the King
		10.30am	Seeker Service	St. Michael's
		6.30pm	Evening Prayer	St. Michael's

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